



God's Plan for One Ordinary Woman

Plans. We all make them. And we may spend a lot of time planning -- what clothing to wear, what we will have for dinner, what we will do on vacation.

When you got up today what plans did you have? Did you accomplish these plans? Did your plans have the results that you expected?

Read Luke 21:1-4: *Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."*

When the widow got up in the morning what do you think was her plan? Did she know that God's Son would be at the temple? Could that be why she went?

Going to the temple was a part of her life. It was something she did on a regular basis. Maybe she had been going for years, maybe only since she had been widowed.

Do you think she gave two small copper coins to make a big impact? Did she give to assist people thousands of miles away (as we do with our mites)?

Neither of these was in her plans. In fact, she probably didn't even think about that. Historically the word "mite" was used to describe a coin of little or no value, and might have been no bigger around than a pencil eraser.

Do you think she was highly esteemed in society? Did she take courses on stewardship or sacrificial giving at the temple?

Definitely not. She went to the temple to give to God part of what she had and what He had first given her, out of love and gratitude to Him. She trusted in God.

We, like the widow, do not always know the effects of our actions. Our actions may not have the effect that we expect. We know that our mighty and powerful God can use our ordinary actions to accomplish His purpose in spreading the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Prayer: Almighty and Powerful God, we give thanks that You can take our ordinary actions and use them for Your purpose. May our actions always be pleasing to You. Amen.

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