

The Heart of Sacrifice

Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday, May 23 & Sunday, May 24, 2020

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"As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. ²He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. ³'Truly I tell you,' he said, 'this poor widow has put in more than all the others. ⁴All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.'" (Luke 21:1-4 NIV)

The grace to sacrifice comes from God and from KNOWING Him.

Sacrifice = The act of offering something precious. Surrender of something for the sake of something else.

While people may never witness or show gratitude for your sacrifice, God SEES and is PLEASED.

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"The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped." (Proverbs 11:24-25 MSG)

Jesus, in OBEDIENCE to God, His Father, modeled true sacrifice by sacrificing Himself for all.

*"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."
(1 John 3:16 NIV)*

"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13 ESV)