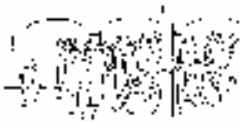


The Woman who Gave a Little But Gave Everything! (Intermediate)



1. One day Jesus was teaching a large crowd of people in the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. They gathered around Him and gladly listened to His teaching. As He taught them, He warned them, "watch out for the teachers of the law."

2. He described these teachers as hypocrites. [They were men who taught Others how they must live (i.e 'You must do this. You must do that. '), but they did not put into practice themselves, what they taught others, they should do.] Jesus explained that these teachers "liked to walk around ... and be greeted in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets."



3. He also taught that these teachers took advantage of widows And demanded sacrifices of them that results in their losing their homes. By following these teacher's instructions, they did not have enough money to live a decent life but became even more poverty-stricken and unable to earn a living for themselves.



4. After teaching them, Jesus and His disciples sat down opposite the place where people brought in their gifts of money for the Temple. As they watched the people bring their offerings, they saw many rich people come and bring large contributions and drop them into the offering box.

Then they saw a very poor widow come and drop in two small coins - worth about half a baht.



5. Jesus began to discuss with His twelve disciples, asking them if they had seen what had just happened. He then explained, "These rich people have been putting lots of money into this offering box. They have given what they will never even miss because they have given out of the abundance of their wealth."

6. "But the truth is," Jesus said, "this poor widow has given more than all the others put together! She is poverty-stricken but has given by far the biggest offering today. She has put in all that she had - everything that she had to live on. The rich gave out of their surplus; she has given out of her great lack."



Jesus could see into her heart and knew all about her life's circumstances. He cared about her and her needs. The Bible does not tell us, but He probably reached out to help her that day!

Questions: The Woman who Gave a Little But Gave Everything! (Intermediate)

1. Where was Jesus teaching? _____
2. What words describe the crowd's attitude to Jesus' teaching? _____
3. Who did Jesus warn the crowd about? _____
4. What kind of people did Jesus say these teachers were? He described them as _____ because they _____
5. What did these teachers like to do and receive? _____
6. What effect did these teachers have on the lives of widows?

7. What did Jesus do after he taught the people? _____
8. What were people coming to the Temple to do? _____
9. Describe the gifts of the first group of people. _____
10. Describe (using your own words) the other person who came into the Temple.

11. What did she give to God? _____
12. What did Jesus tell his disciples about this woman's gift? _____

Something to Think about and English Conversation Practice:

1. What do you think the widow's life was like? Describe it in your own words.
2. What do you think Jesus thought about the widow's gift?
3. Discuss what it would be like to watch the different people in the temple that day!
4. What were the woman's needs the day she gave everything to God?
5. What does this story teach about Jesus' character? What kind of person do we see as we watch Him in the temple that day?

Word Study:

Practice pronunciation and study meanings of the following words.

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| live _____ | life _____ |
| lives _____ | lifestyle _____ |
| live _____ | living _____ |
| lives _____ | make a living _____ |
| live on _____ | cost of living _____ |
| alive _____ | livelihood _____ |
| lived _____ | lively _____ |

The Woman who Gave a Little but Gave Everything! - Guidelines for Teachers

(Intermediate)

Lesson Aims: To show how Christ was interested in the details of the widow's life
To teach quality English to your student
To encourage discussion and help with pronunciation

Lesson Outline:

1. Read through the story together: (40 minutes)
2. Answer the comprehension questions: (40 minutes)
3. Something to Think About and English Conversation Practice:
(20- 30 minutes - depending on the ability and willingness of your group)

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Word Study: Study the meanings, practice pronunciation

Think these through so you can explain these different words for your students!
They will appreciate your help with these as they can be confusing for them!