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Today's Scripture Passage: Luke 20:41-21:4

41 Then Jesus said to them, "How is it that they say the Christ is the Son of David? 42 David himself declares in the Book of Psalms: " 'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand 43 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." ' 44 David calls him 'Lord.' How then can he be his son?" 45 While all the people were listening (akouo..."good acoustics"), Jesus said to his disciples, 46 "Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. 47 They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely."

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

For Reflection & Discussion

- Can you think of a time when you allowed knowledge to puff you up?
- Has scripture ever become an academic exercise for you?
- Do you find it easy to apply the scriptures to others, but struggle to apply it to yourself?
- Are you pursuing the scriptures with humility?
- Are you helping people on the margins or just acting like you are?
- Are you giving all you have to Jesus?
- When you come through the doors on a Sunday, what are you bringing as your offering to God?