

## "She Gave All" Thoughts to Ponder

- 1. Before considering anything else, consider the title to this sermon.
  - a. What does the word "all" mean to you?
  - b. Have you ever given your "all" to anyone/anything? Please explain.

## Read Luke 21:1-4 NIV

- 2. In the eyes of many these days, money and material possessions give a person status.
  - a. That said, why do you think Jesus used the poor widow as an example for His disciples?
  - b. What gives a person status in your eyes?
- 3. Most folks struggle with selfishness throughout their lives.
  - a. Would those who know you say that you are more interested in getting than in giving, in having than in sharing? If so, why? If not, why not?

- b. Ernest Hemingway gave away his things at the start of every year to prove that his things did not own him how does that idea strike you?
- 4. Jesus said: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth . . ." (Matthew 6:19 NIV)
  - a. Would Jesus say that you are guilty of violating His admonition? Why?
  - b. The widow had nothing; in comparison, you have everything. Ponder that imbalance.
- 5. Think about the widows you know.
  - a. What do you most admire about them?
  - b. Do you think they embodied these qualities while their husbands were alive or have they embraced them since?
  - c. How would you change if you suddenly became a widow or widower?
  - d. What impact would the death of your spouse have on your faith?

