

Belonging to a Church
Mark 11:15-17, 12:41-44

- **Small people**

“A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins” (v. 42)
Jesus approved.
She thought like He did.
She “belonged” to the temple.
He “belonged” to the church.

- **Big purpose**

Ephesians 3:21 “to Him *be* the glory IN THE CHURCH and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.”

Matthew 16:18 “I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My CHURCH; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.”

For the poor and for the priests
“Your FIRST will and testament”

- **Big sacrifice**

“This widow put in MORE than all the contributions” (v. 43)
Measured by sacrifice
Accomplished more.
Accounted as more.

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^{11:15} Then they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves; ¹⁶ and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple. ¹⁷ And He *began* to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS'? But you have made it a ROBBERS' DEN."

^{12:41} And He sat down opposite the treasury, and *began* observing how the people were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent. ⁴³ Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; ⁴⁴ for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on."