

In God We Trust
“The Widow’s Chicken”
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Main Scripture: John 12:1-8

Referenced Scripture: Mark 14:3-9, Luke 17:11-19

OPEN:

1. What in particular spoke to you from Paul’s message?
2. Describe the difference between giving from the heart and giving out of duty.

DIG DEEPER:

1. In **John 12:1-3** we find Martha working, Lazarus witnessing, and Mary worshipping. Describe how Mary demonstrated her love for Jesus and how much He meant to her.
2. Mary gives us much insight into a transformed heart, in **John 12:1-3**. A transformed heart is first *Grateful*. How would you describe an “attitude of gratitude”? Why is it important to start every day with a grateful and thankful heart? How does the grateful and thankful heart translate to giving?
3. What is the fundamental difference between Mary and Judas, in **John 12:1-8**, as revealed by Judas’ protest to what she did? With whom do identify more? Why?
4. The transformed heart is also *Sacrificial*. In what way does any relationship we are in require sacrifice? Using the example of Mary in our main scripture, how would you describe sacrificial giving? What would sacrificial giving look like in your own life?
5. The transformed heart is *Inspirational*. In what way are the words of Jesus in Mark’s account of Mary anointing Jesus in **Mark 14:6-9** inspirational? What new insight have you gained from both John’s and Mark’s accounts about the importance of developing the right heart of giving? What inspiration have you received from someone having a transformed heart?
6. How is grateful, sacrificial, and inspirational giving not a “have” issue, rather a “heart” issue? How do you see this in your own life? How have you seen your own growth in this area?

REFLECT:

1. Recall a time you did something just for Jesus, and not yourself. What was that like for you?
2. In what way has this “Giving” series challenged you? What has the Lord shown you about applying what you have learned?

MEMORY VERSE:

Luke 21:3-4

‘So He said, “Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had.”’