

## The Widow's gift

The Jews were instructed to give to the Temple and to the poor as part of their service to God. (So are we). One day Jesus sat at the Temple and watched people putting money into the offering boxes. Some people were rich and gave lots of money. Some gave money, but were unhappy about it. Then a poor woman, a widow, came up to the boxes.

The poor woman put two of the smallest coins there were in the offering box. The disciples with Jesus weren't very impressed, but Jesus said this woman has given more than any other today. How could that be? Jesus said it was because it was all she had.

How did the woman think she would buy dinner that night? She trusted in God to provide for her. She obeyed God's command, knowing that He would fulfil His promise to care for her in return. We must trust God the same way.



Some people think that the rich people were generous as they gave lots of money (but they had lots left and would not miss the money) whereas the widow only gave a little but it was ALL she had and she had NOTHING left. She gave her EVERYTHING which is far more generous.