

The Pass-the-Plate Devos

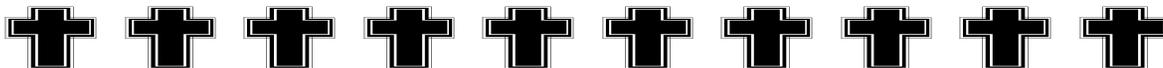
*"Families passing on the faith as they pass their plates at the Family Table
on the 24th week of Pentecost"*

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted in the marketplaces, ³⁹and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely." ⁴¹Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴²But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. ⁴³Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

1. As he taught, for whom did Jesus say we should watch out?
2. Why should we "watch out" for teachers of the law?
3. Where did Jesus sit down?
4. What did Jesus see rich people doing at the temple treasury?
5. What happened when a poor widow stepped up at the temple treasury?
6. What did Jesus say about the widow's action?
7. Do you consider the widow's giving to be an act of faith? Why or why not?

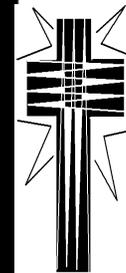


Share something that
comes very naturally
and easy to you.



Share something that
you have a hard time

FAMILY CHALLENGE



What is the difference between giving ten percent and giving all of yourself?
As a family, pull out a calendar, and evaluate the way you spend your time. Parents, pull out some receipts and, as a family evaluate the way you spend your money. Then, evaluate the way you use