



## SERMON NOTES

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**Week 2 (October 4): "All In"**

**Mark 12:38-44**

### I. A Guide for a Generous Life

- A. Life is a \_\_\_\_\_ and everything we have belongs to God.
- B. Giving a portion of what we have been given back to God is called the \_\_\_\_\_ or 10 percent or "tithe," which has traditionally served as a guide for giving.
- C. Generous giving defeats the voices of fear and pleasure, replacing those competing voices with \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. The Widow's Mite

- A. The account of the widow's mite teaches us to be "all in" for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. The account of the widow's mite teaches us that God majors in a big way in \_\_\_\_\_ things.
- C. The account of the widow's mite teaches us to \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. The Upside Down Church

- A. Paradoxically, spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ is the key to spiritual wealth.
- B. Sometimes, we prefer to write a check and keep a safe distance, but serving the poor may get messy and \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Jesus gave his life, not for our comfort, but so that we could live a \_\_\_\_\_ life.

***Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message***

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE

## INTRODUCTION

Generosity is freely sharing what you have with others. It is being willing to offer money, help or time when it is needed. To be generous means giving something valuable to you without expectation of reward or return. Sometimes generosity requires pushing past a feeling of reluctance because we all instinctively want to keep good things for ourselves. If we are able to intentionally live “below our means,” we can cultivate a sense of surplus that makes us want to share with others and partner in the work of God.

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### Monday: Luke 21:1-6 (parallel passage to Mark 12:38-43)

Giving in the Temple was a very public act and large gifts were recognized with fanfare, Jesus noticed and honored a different kind of giver—a widow who gave two tiny coins. Today giving is still often driven by “what others think of me.” As you consider your resources and ask God to guide your giving for the coming year, what are the main motives and concerns you are focused on?

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### Tuesday: Deuteronomy 8:10-18

Just before Israel is to enter the Promised Land, the writer of Deuteronomy explains that we are tempted to believe that everything we have or achieve came solely from our innate talent and hard work. Too quickly, we forget “the LORD your God” (verse 18) is the true source of our talent and energy. Many today, are facing economic challenges. How do we faithfully remember “the Lord your God” in both times of abundance and scarcity?

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### Wednesday: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Israel was having a terrible drought. For the poor, like the widow in today’s story, this time of crop failure was not just a nuisance, but a disaster, which would soon lead to starvation. Then Elijah the prophet asked her to share her food! But the request came with a promise, and she trusted that promise and gave the prophet food and shelter. God made the little she had more than enough for three people! Have you ever feared that you didn’t have enough resources—financially, physically, emotionally or spiritually? How do you respond to this account of the widow?

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### Thursday: James 4:13-5:9

James describes how sometimes people both gain and use wealth selfishly. Was James condemning the wealthy? If not, who or what was he condemning? How does hoarding harm others? What modern stories of wrongdoing by powerful and wealthy people come to mind? If we find ourselves “well off,” in what ways can this test our character? How much of our lives are within our ability to control? In these challenging days, how are you being called to trust in God?

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### Friday: Matthew 19:16-30

Jesus invited the young man in this story to have the courage to reset his priorities, but he ultimately refused. That he went away sad suggests that he wanted to follow Jesus. Like many people then (and now), Jesus’ disciples thought material prosperity always meant God approved of a person. Jesus’ statement that “it will be very hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven” shocked them. This story poses a question many of us would rather not grapple with, “Which of my possessions, if any, are so precious to me that I’d choose them over Jesus?” Pray for courage today to face any obstacles to your relationship with Jesus.

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## MOVING FORWARD

The United Methodist Board of Church and Society states that “All we have is ours ‘on loan’ from God to be used for good in this world.” Prayer is the most important duty and joy of every Christian, and is essential so that the Holy Spirit can guide stewardship. If you had not had the opportunity to participate in the 90-day tithing challenge, ask for God’s wisdom about joining this week. Examine your giving plan to the church and local charities as God guides your heart.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: 1A) gift, B) first fruits, C) joy. IIA) Kingdom of God, B) small or tiny, C) trust God. IIIA) poverty, B) break your heart; C) radically generous.*

# 90 Day Bible Reading Challenge

## *"Key Themes" Bible Reading Plan*

The 'key theme' for this week's scripture passage is 'Believe.' Read the applicable scripture passage for each day below using the 'SOAP' method of reading scripture.

**Scripture** - First read the scripture passage.

**Observation** - Think about what you just read and find one thing you think God wanted you to hear that's relevant to your life and write it down.

**Application** - Think about what you need to do differently as a result of what you just read and write it down.

**Pray** - Pray about what you just read.

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### Week of October 4, 2020

**Monday:** John 6

**Tuesday:** John 11

**Wednesday:** John 12

**Thursday:** John 20

**Friday:** Romans 10

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### Full Key Themes Plan

	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
July 13 - July 17	<i>Grace</i>	Ephesians 1	1 Timothy 1	2 Timothy 1	1 Peter 1	1 Peter 5
July 20 - July 24	<i>Judgment</i>	Psalms 9	Isaiah 5	Matthew 23	1 Corinthians 3	1 John 4
July 27 - July 31	<i>Love</i>	Psalms 136	John 15	1 Corinthians 13	1 John 2	1 John 3
Aug 3 - Aug 7	<i>Blood</i>	Leviticus 4	Luke 22	Romans 5	Hebrews 9	Revelation 1
Aug 10 - Aug 14	<i>God's Name</i>	1 Kings 8	Psalms 113	Isaiah 48	Ezekiel 20	Philippians 2
Aug 17 - Aug 21	<i>Prayer</i>	Psalms 102	Matthew 6	Daniel 9	Luke 18	Revelation 8
Aug 24 - Aug 28	<i>Care for Needy</i>	Leviticus 25	Psalms 10	Psalms 82	2 Corinthians 9	1 Timothy 5
Aug 31 - Sept 4	<i>Worship</i>	Psalms 29	Psalms 100	1 Corinthians 14	1 Timothy 2	Revelation 4
Sept 7 - Sept 11	<i>One Another</i>	John 13	Romans 13	Romans 15	1 Peter 3	1 John 1
Sept 14 - Sept 18	<i>Obedience</i>	Deuteronomy 30	1 Samuel 15	Jeremiah 35	Acts 5	1 Peter 4
Sept 21 - Sept 25	<i>Forgiveness</i>	Psalms 25	Psalms 32	Luke 6	Acts 10	Colossians 2
Sept 28 - Oct 2	<i>Faith</i>	Psalms 116	Romans 3	Romans 4	Galatians 3	Hebrews 11
Oct 5 - Oct 9	<i>Believe</i>	John 6	John 11	John 12	John 20	Romans 10

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