

**GIVING**

**JOHN 12:1-11**

# 1.) A story of Extravagant giving

*John 12:3 Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume*

## Also in Matthew

*Mark 14:3 And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head.*

# They scolded her

*Mark 14:4-5 There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her.*

# Why trouble her?

*Mark 14:6-7 But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me."*

# Anointed for burial

*Mark 14:8-9 She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."*

## 2.) What about giving?

*2 Corinthians 9:6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*



# A principle about giving

*Luke 6:38 give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."*

# God loves a cheerful giver

*2 Corinthians 9:7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

# Giving out of poverty

*2 Corinthians 8:1 We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they*

# Giving is counterintuitive

- *Out of the most severe trial,*
- *their extreme poverty*
- *welled up in rich generosity*
- *their overflowing joy*

# A lesson in giving

*Mark 12:41-44 ESV And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all*

### 3.) The poor you always have

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# Giving is not always \$

*Act 9:36 Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity.*

# Enriched to be generous

*2 Corinthians 9:10-11 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce*



## 4.) The most extravagant gift

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# Conclusion

*What have you got going on that you need for God to work outside of your everyday expectations?*

*Your job?*

*Your family?*

*Your Health?*

*Go to him, and let him show you God's Glory!*