

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 12 35-44



O Lord, my heart is not proud; my eyes are not raised in haughty looks.
I do not occupy myself with great matters, with things that are too high for me.
Psalm 131:1-2

Praising:

I want to walk with Jesus Christ,
all the days I live of this life on
earth,
to give to him complete control
of body and of soul:

Follow him, follow him, yield your
life to him,
he has conquered death, he is
King of kings.
Accept the joy which he gives to
those
who yield their lives to him.

Reading:

Mark 12:35-44
Giving

There were thirteen different
donation chests (as we would call
them 'collection boxes') in the
temple court at Jerusalem, each
one labelled telling the purpose

for which the money would be
used. Then as now, there are
endless dimensions to the
mission of God. The people of
God, accordingly, feel drawn to
support this aspect or that aspect
as it touches and inspires them.
Whatever her chosen cause, in
giving all she had the widow is
responding to God from her
heart. Yes, the freedom of her
response gives us a lesson in
generosity. But the real lesson, is
to let us see how we might be
changed too if we allow God to
open us up in the same sort of
way. For Jesus, the widow is
more than just an example. She
is a kindred spirit.

Listening:

Praying:

We bring before God

- the needs of our own Church family, especially our seniors, young people and children
- the needs of the wider Ballyholme community, especially the socially isolated
- the needs of our mission partners, especially Storehouse, Kajiado and Kiwoko

Father so often I hold back on the impulse to give. I can defend all my reasons and list off all my other responsibilities, but then Jesus calls me over and points to that widow. Amen

Doing: