

YOUR GIVING ASSESSED BY THE SERVANT



TRI-CITY BAPTIST CHURCH
MARK 12:41-44
OCTOBER 9, 2011 - MESSAGE#57

I. THE SERVANT'S POSITION



- Mark 12:41a

And Jesus sat over against the treasury,

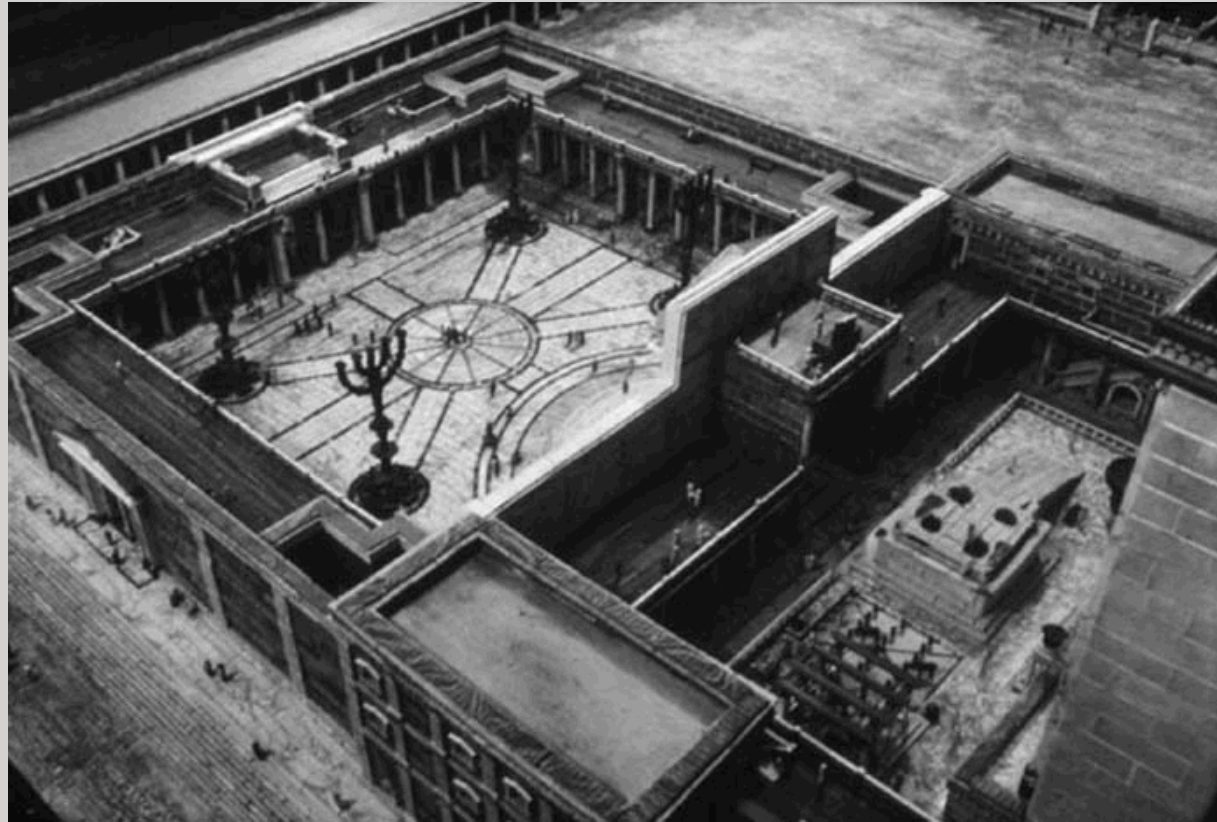
Model of Herod's Temple



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Court of the Women (patterned floor)



II. THE SERVANT'S PRACTICE



Mark 12:41b-42

and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury:

and many that were rich cast in much.

And there came a certain poor widow,
and she threw in two mites,
which make a farthing.

Two Lepton or “Mites”



III. THE SERVANT'S PUZZLING STATEMENT



- Mark 12:43

And he called unto him his disciples,
and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you,
That this poor widow hath cast more in,
than all they which have cast into the treasury:

IV. THE SERVANT'S PERSPECTIVE



- Mark 12:44

For all they did cast in of their abundance;
but she of her want did cast in all that she had,
even all her living.

LESSONS FOR THE DISCIPLES



- Do not judge by outward appearance!
- The Lord measures your giving not only by what you gave, but by what you had leftover.
- The Lord evaluates our giving on the basis of obedience and sacrifice.
- The Lord delights in those who have a giving heart.
- The Lord finds great pleasure in a trusting heart.
- The ultimate lesson is that the gospel of Christ demands absolute surrender and total trust in Him.

Tri-City Baptist Church – General Fund



- 2011 Budget is \$967,000
- We were projecting a monthly budget deficit between \$7,500 to \$15,000 a month. Reason: the church plant's 2011 budget is \$15,000 a month.
- After September we were behind by \$53,291.35 in our giving. This is a deficit of \$5,921 a month. We had a \$100,000+ buffer built into our general fund from surplus from 2009. We also have carefully monitored our expenditures. We only have spent \$11,758.37 over receipts.
- Our goal has been to be back on budget within a two-year window (January 2011 – December 2012).

Tri-City Baptist Church – Faith Promise Missions



- 2011 Budget is \$147,820
- After September, we are \$4,835.50 behind for the year. We were projecting a deficit between \$7,500 to \$15,000.
- We had three missionaries at our annual mission's conference that we would like to add to our mission's family. This would be an increase of \$7,560 to our budget. We have one missionary project of \$2,520 that will be removed from the budget. Net gain of \$5,040.

Tri-City Baptist Church Auxiliary Ministries



- Christian Acts of Charity and Compassion
- Church Planting Projects on Front Range
- Cross Cultural Outreaches (TCBC hosts)
 - Hispanic Church
 - Vietnamese Church
- Cross Impact Campus Ministries (TCBC hosts)
- Counseling Center – Rocky Mountain Biblical Counseling Center (TCBC hosts)
- Camp Grace – Wheatland, Wyoming
- Christian Education (TCBC hosts)
 - Friday School
 - Hispanic Bible Institute
 - International Baptist College and Seminary

Tri-City Baptist Church Financial Position



- On October 1, 2011

General Fund Unrestricted	\$ 32,592.60
General Fund Savings	\$383,206.45
Building Fund	\$ 63,451.20
Faith Promise Fund	\$ 25,980.33
Benevolence Fund	\$ 2,834.89
Young at Heart Fund	\$ 1,734.19
Friday School Fund	\$ 1,289.61
Total:	\$511,089.27

Cross Impact Ministries



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Donor Goals	1	5	10	15	20
Plan	\$5,000	\$500	\$50	\$5	\$0.50

- 5 Levels of Donations
- When goal is met, total: \$8,085
- Participation from 20 churches
- 2012 Budget is \$165,000

The Bottom Line



- Philippians 4:15,
Now ye Philippians know also,
that in the beginning of the gospel,
when I departed from Macedonia,
no church communicated with me
as concerning giving and receiving,
but ye only.
- Philippians 4:17,
Not because I desire a gift:
but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.