



"God, what is it You want to do through me?"

Commitment

"Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she, out of her poverty, has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." ~Mark 12:43b-44

The story in Mark's gospel about the widow woman and her two little copper coins teaches us the difference between a contribution and a commitment. It is a story that comforts us in our affliction when we feel we have little to offer. And it is a story that afflicts us in our comfort when we have much to give, but hold on tight, afraid to let go of our treasure.

The widow, in the midst of the human struggle between keeping and giving, in the midst of the human struggle between a contribution and a commitment, came to know that she need not fear being generous. She need not fear making a real commitment. She was unafraid of giving away even her last penny, for you see, she had learned well the lesson: No one ever becomes poor by giving. So she gave it all.

We are not asked to give it all, dear Friends, but we are asked to give. What a rich opportunity to insure that the message of God's love continues to be shared with the world around us and with the world on the far side of the Earth. All because we believe in the work and ministry of MCCDC. All because we know and live out the difference between a contribution and a commitment to God through

MCCDC. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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