"If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?" – Matt. 6:30

"My God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus." – Phil. 4:19

"He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?" - Rom. 8: 32

## A BRIEF WARNING

The rich young man See Matt. 19:16ff

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." - Matt. 6:19-20a, 24

# FAITHFUL STEWARDS - PART 2

Luke 21:1-4

## "LOOK AT ME! LOOK AT ME!"

Context. Always context. (See 20:45-47)

- Showboating doesn't impress God.
- We don't give to 'meet God's needs.' He isn't needy.
  - It's not about the money; it never was.
- God wants full heart-surrender and complete faith.

#### OTHER NT GIVING PRINCIPLES

Matt 6:1-4

Motivation matters in all 'acts of righteousness,' including giving. If our motivation is "to be seen by men" or "to be honored," there is no reward from the Lord.

Keep the size of your gift a private matter. (BTW, your pastors have no idea who gives what)

#### 1 COR. 16:1-2

"On the first day of the week..."

Systematic

"each of you"

Universal

"set aside"

Secure from frivolous spending

"in keeping with his income"

Proportional

### 2 COR. 8:1-12

Vs. 1-4 Generous giving in all seasons of life is an outpouring of God's grace, and it is a privilege to do so

Vs. 5 It's made possible when we give ourselves first to God

Vs. 6, 10-11 Let's not 'lose our follow-through, between the altar and the door.'

 Vs. 7 It is an aspect of our faith in which we should strive for excellence

Vs. 9 Our giving is a reflection of Christ's sacrifice

 Vs. 12 If our heart is willing, our gift is acceptable according to what we have

2 COR. 9:6-7

Vs. 6 As in other things, so in giving: the sowing/reaping principle stands

Vs. 7 Giving should be a willful decision fully involving our hearts. As a result, it is not to be coerced nor given under compulsion. It should never be given grudgingly nor reluctantly but instead it should be given with great joy.