November 10, 2024 "When Nothing Is Everything!" (Mark 12:35-40)

| An interesting fact:secular charities than to | people tend to give more to organizations. |
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| Poorer families give mostly to their social ministries. | institutions and |
| Jesus looks at the wealthy give generous! | ers and sees them giving in order to |
| A conclusion arises: How muc "skimmed off the top" of their | h is their to God pockets? |
| These folks, of all people, show of their as well as | ald be digging into the deep pockets of their! |
| Their, as well as the great commandments! | ir, should display the |
| Against such a blunt and absol | ute standard, we know we |
| Will we, like the scribes, receive | ve the "greater" |
| For most of us, wealth in its magnetic our self and se | any forms is intimately linked with elf! |
| Our may not be us have other kinds of | in coins and stock options. Most of! |
| The widow gave she has her! | ad because she considered nothing |
| by the grace of God she was _ to God! | of her livelihood to God; her whole |
| (| (over) |

| Her two coins were the final manifestation of that absolute gift! |
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| She is what we are called to be: a tiny, flashing that reflects the final, humble and self-giving of God to us! |
| Because of our Lord's lavish giving, even destitute widows are to give of themselves! |
| Their "" is turned, by his sovereign foolishness, into ""!" |
| Whether we're from Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri or Kansas, the becomes the same when our lives are in Him! |
| It's his, not ours! And nothing becomes! |
| God grant that our Lord Jesus will say of us, "Out of their poverty they gave everything they had, all they had, to live on! And by my grace, their nothing I claim as |

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everything!"