Space for God Yet We have Everything

PREPARATION

Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn't God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren't they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him?

James 2.5

CONFESSION

"Stop acting so proud and haughty!

Don't speak with such arrogance!

For the Lord is a God who knows what you have done; he will judge your actions.

1 Samuel 2:3

WORSHIP

Our hearts ache, but we always have joy. We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. **We own nothing and yet we have everything.** ² Corinthians 6:10

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION - Mark 12:38-44*

Jesus also taught: "Beware of these teachers of religious law! For they like to parade around in flowing robes and receive respectful greetings as they walk in the marketplaces. And how they love the seats of hon-

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read Slowly, several times.

Reflect What does the text say?

Respond How does it relate to my life?

Rest I welcome God's healing and renewal.

or in the synagogues and the head table at banquets. Yet they shamelessly cheat widows out of their property and then pretend to be pious by making long prayers in public. Because of this, they will be more severely punished."

Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins.

Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."

ANCHORING PRAYER

"Father, everything that I have is Yours."

REVIEW OF THE HEART (previous 24 hours)

When did I do something entirely for God, and without ulterior motive? When did I give in to pride?

WISDOM

Philippians 2:3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

Proverbs 28:6 Better to be poor and honest than to be dishonest and rich.

TESTIMONY What is God saying to me?

INTERCESSION Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.

BENEDICTION

In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." [Amen]

1 Peter 5:5-6

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.

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