

Courageous Giving: The Triple Dog Dare

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[Mark 12:41-44](#)

41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. 43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything — all she had to live on."

Courageous Giving...

1. DRAWS ME CLOSER TO GOD

[Matt 6:21](#)

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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2. IS THE KEY TO A FULL LIFE

[1 Tim 6:17-19](#)

17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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3. MAKES ME HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY

[Acts 20:35](#)

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

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4. REMINDS ME THAT IT'S ALL GOD'S ANYWAY

[Deut 8:18](#)

But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth...

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5. BLESSES ME IN RETURN

[Malachi 3:7-11](#)

7 Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty. "But you ask, 'How are we to return?' 8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse — the whole nation of you — because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.