

# Everyday FAITH Family Page

New Testament 4

## Law/Gospel

I do not always obey God's demand that I love Him with all my heart. I am not willing to give Him all that I have. **Christ loves me and willingly redeemed me, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death that I might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him.**

## Bible Words

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Deuteronomy 6:5

## Fun Facts

Coins provide a snapshot of the history and values of a country. Most New Testament coins came from the Roman government. The most common was the silver denarius, which bore the likeness of Tiberius Caesar. One denarius bought twelve loaves of bread; four purchased a lamb.

## The Widow's Offering

Mark 12:41-44

The widow shows what it means to be part of the kingdom of heaven, that is, to live by faith as God's child. When she in her poverty contributed her "two small copper coins," she "put in everything she had, all she had to live on" (vv. 42, 44). She didn't give in fractions, divvying up a little for God, a little for her, and a little for whatever struck her fancy. She gave all. And in that, she is a model for us all. The point is not that we, too, should give all our money to the church. The point is that we should give our all to God—all our love, our devotion, our minds, our everything.

The kingdom of God is not static, but dynamic. It is Jesus' work for us: Jesus in action in the lives of His people. It is often hidden in the smallest of things: in those two tiny coins, given by faith; in the splash of water on the head of a sinner over the font; in the quarter-size piece of bread placed on the communicant's tongue; in the naked King of kings robed only in His own blood on the cross. The drops of His blood, of greater worth than all gold and silver, fall into heaven's treasury. And when His blood in that coffer rings, the angels in heaven sing, "Glory to God in the highest" for He earns peace for His people on earth.

## Sing

Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.  
*LSB 783:5*

## It Is Thine Own

Talk about offerings. Why do we give offerings at church and Sunday School? Where does the money go? Consider designating a special offering to a particular group each month, decided by the family.

## Prayer

*Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us all we need. Help us to see where we can help others with all You've given us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

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