

Prayer in response to the message

Our loving Lord and heavenly Father, we've seen this amazing contrast today between the teachers of the law on the one hand who did everything so that others might notice - even ripping others off by abusing their position; and this poor, kind, generous lady on the other hand who was a widow, with very little means of support, who gave all she had and went home with nothing. Our Father, we're astonished. We are rebuked for the times that we are in any way like the 'flashy' – doing things to gain attention. And we are so heartened and encouraged on the other hand, to be more like the widow who without any desire for recognition just went about serving you. So Father, please work in us; reveal to us what we need to learn today, and do your mighty work of change within us, by the power of your Holy Spirit and the teaching your Word, in Jesus' name, Amen.