Luke Lesson 82 (2021)

**JESUS CONDEMNS THE SCRIBES AND HONORS THE WIDOW**

Luke 20:45-21:4

Key Verse: 20:47 & 2:4

**Open it:**

1. Some people would do anything to gain recognition and respect. What are some of the trappings of high status?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 45-46. About what did Jesus warn his disciples? Of what were the teachers of the law guilty? What point was Jesus trying to make about such religious behavior? Why is it so difficult to give up positions of honor and importance?
2. Read verse 47. What did Jesus mean when he said, “They devour widows’ houses”? How is seeking the honor and respect of people related to the exploitation of the poor and defenseless? How did Jesus say proud people would be treated for their actions?
3. Read 2:1-2. What did Jesus notice in the temple? Why do you think Jesus draw attention to a seemingly unimportant event? What were the rich people doing? What did the woman do that Jesus noticed? How were the motives of the rich different from those of the woman?
4. Read verses 3-4. How did Jesus use this situation as an opportunity to teach his followers? How did the woman “put in more than all the others” when her gift was much smaller than the gifts of the rich? What principle of giving did Jesus communicate?

**Apply it:**

1. What can you do to battle a pride that prevents you from drawing close to God? What besides money can you give sacrificially to others this week?