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- **Takers make a big noise as they grab for glory.**
- **Givers make a little noise but they are noticed by God.**

GETTING STARTED: Did you come from a loud family? Who is the loudest person in your family? How do they get everyone's attention?

DIGGING DEEPER: What do you learn from the following scriptures about the Messiah's relationship to David: 2 Sam 7:8-16; Ps 89:3-4; Isa 9:2-7, 11:1-9; Jer 23:5-6, 30:9; Ezek 34:23-24, 37:24; Hosea 3:5; Amos 9:11? What insight do the context of these passages give as they reference Psalm 110: Acts 2:29-35; Heb 1:5-13, 5:6, 7:17, 21? If you were a religious leader who heard Jesus' warning in verses 38-40, how would you have felt? Why is Jesus so critical of the Pharisees (see also Matt 23:1-12; Luke 14:7-15; John 5:44)? How does what Isaiah says in Isa 42:8 and 48:7 relate to the Pharisees Jesus was addressing? What is Jesus' point in contrasting the Pharisees with the widow? What principles about giving do you derive from this passage? How does this woman's actions reflect Jesus and His mission?

LIVING IT OUT: What greater understanding of Jesus would help you give Him louder praise? In view of Jesus' condemnation of the Pharisees, what needs to change about what you give to God and how you give it? How are you a glory grabber? What do you do when you see examples of injustice in the world a) ignore, b) feel overwhelmed, c) get angry, d) take personal action, e) rally others to care, f) other? What is one positive thing you could do about some injustice in the world? In view of Jesus' commendation of the widow, what needs to change about what you give to God and how you give it? How do you know if you are trusting God with your whole life?



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