

# When Jesus taught about generosity

## A Rich Young Man's Question - Matthew 19:16-22 (ICB)

<sup>16</sup> A man came to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to have life forever?"

<sup>17</sup> Jesus answered, "Why do you ask me about what is good? Only God is good. But if you want to have life forever, obey the commands."

<sup>18</sup> The man asked, "Which commands?"

Jesus answered, "'You must not murder anyone. You must not be guilty of adultery. You must not steal. You must not tell lies about your neighbour in court. <sup>19</sup> Honour your father and mother. Love your neighbour as you love yourself.'"

<sup>20</sup> The young man said, "I have obeyed all these things. What else do I need to do?"

<sup>21</sup> Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, then go and sell all the things you own. Give the money to the poor. If you do this, you will have a treasure in heaven. Then come and follow me!"

<sup>22</sup> But when the young man heard this, he became very sad because he was very rich. So he left Jesus.

## True Giving - Mark 12:41-44 (ICB)

<sup>41</sup> Jesus sat near the Temple money box where people put their gifts. He watched the people put in their money. Many rich people gave large sums of money. <sup>42</sup> Then a poor widow came and gave two very small copper coins. These coins were not worth even a penny.

<sup>43</sup> Jesus called his followers to him. He said, "I tell you the truth. This poor widow gave only two small coins. But she really gave more than all those rich people. <sup>44</sup> The rich have plenty; they gave only what they did not need. This woman is very poor. But she gave all she had. And she needed that money to help her live."