The Bible Truth About Giving

Intro. A. Jesus taught and preached in the temple.
   1. Luke 21:1, "...he taught the people...and preached the gospel."
   2. "This was exhausting work and He sat down.
   Luke 13:4, "...And Jesus sat over against the treasury..."
   3. Having rested His head in His hands He then
   looked up, "...he looked up and saw the
   Rich men casting their gifts into the treasury."
   
   In the Court of the Women were thirteen trumpet-shaped
   receptacles into which the people deposited their gifts. These
   gifts were used for various purposes: e.g., to buy wood or incense
   for the altar or to maintain the golden vessels in the temple.
   Each receptacle bore a label denoting for which of these its con-
   tents would be used. A regular procession of givers went by cast-
   ing in their large gifts.

B. Jesus also saw a poor widow casting in her gift.
   1. She was a poor widow.
   2. She had to work for a living and lived
   in abject poverty.
   3. "two mites" = "leptos" a very thin coin worth
   about 1/50 of a cent. So she gave 1/50 of a cent.

II. Jesus Then Analyzed What He Had Seen.

A. He alerted them that He would speak a
   non-traditional belief.
   1. "of a truth" = αληθείας = "in very deed", "the
   manifested, veritable essence of a matter".
   2. The truth was, "...this poor widow hath cast
   in more than they all:"
   3. How could this be, how could a person
   who gives less give more?
   4. Let Jesus explain.