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Giving the Best of Our Service A Commentary by Jason Curry



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There is a beautifully and wonderfully written work by Brian Lanker titled [I Dream a World: Portraits of Black Women who Changed America](#). In this literary and pictorial masterpiece of approximately 170 pages, Mr. Lanker give his readers a short but meaningful glimpse into lives of some of the most dynamic, intelligent, charismatic, energetic, courageous and God-fearing African-American women in America. Many of the individuals who appear in his book discuss with candor and boldness how their faith in God, faith in themselves and faith in masses of African-American people have helped them to endure two kinds discrimination, racial discrimination and sexual discrimination. In spite of the odds they faced, and in spite of the fact that the deck of success was staked against them, they continued to excel in both personal and professional arena. They

did not bury God's gifts in the sand, but instead they chose to use what they had, in service to a waiting humanity. It is a blessing to know that the God of yesterday, is still the God of today and tomorrow. It's still know secret what God can do, what God's done for others, God will do for you.

In Mark 12:41-44, the author discusses a woman who gave the best of her service to a suffering humanity. Jesus and the disciples watched her put all of her money into the treasury of the temple. Jesus commented on this public event in the presence of his disciples in order to teach them about what the Lord expects from them as Christians. Jesus wanted to tell them that the Lord cares about their service to a needful humanity. The New International Version of the bible says that that the widow put in two copper coins, which only amounted to a fraction a penny, and the King James Ver-

sion simply refers to the money she gave as the widow's mite.

There are many ways in we can share in this woman's experience and give the best of our service to God. I Corinthians 12 tells us that we have all been blessed with gifts from the Lord. It says that some are called to be preachers, and some to be teachers. Some are called to be doctors and some been given the gift of administration. All of us have been blessed with some talent or gift that should be used in service of the Lord in thanksgiving for what God done for us. Giving to the Lord does not necessarily involve money. True stewardship involves giving back to God a portion of every good thing that God has blessed us with. Let us continue to find a way to give the best of our service to God.