

# REFLECTION

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## LOVE OFFERING

“Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.” (Luke 21:1-4 )

I think it's hilarious sometimes, the way God just provides for you. It's amazing how much He really cares for the world. God just really has a big heart.

The way God provides for me sometimes makes me smile till my cheek hurts.

There was a day that I just had a bad morning. I had a fine due to a teacher but had an empty wallet, I lost my chemistry homework somewhere in the school and had only an hour to find it, and I was just a really hungry girl with no packed lunch.

That day though God created miracles, my teacher told me in the afternoon that the fine was cancelled because the book that was falling apart wasn't even mine. A wonderful friend of mine found my chemistry homework in the library underneath her books, and I found twenty dollars in front of my locker. I then used the ten dollars to buy me sushi and I decided to give the rest to God! Talk about the best afternoon ever!

No one else can make my day better but Him. He fixes my mistakes and can really overwhelm me with His love. He definitely deserves more than ten dollars. I doubt even one million could even suffice. But that and my life is really all I could offer up to him, which doesn't even meet half of what He deserves.

Think about it, how many times have you or I have been graced by God's love and miracles. How many of us gave God the same amount back?

You have two hands and one heart. Isn't that enough to be grateful for? Go, go dig in your wallet, your purse, your man-bag, your pockets for that dollar or five, or that quarter or dime. Got nothing? That's okay. Just give Him the praise He deserves. Nothing we give can ever be enough, but at least we could say we gave back all that we could and we think that would make God smile till his cheeks hurt, too.

I'll give my heart not just a part

I'm lifting up everything

Well it's all I have to offer

And it's all I have to give