

“Lightning Does Strike Twice”

**A Lightning & Thunder (Grace & Giving) –
reprise special 9/13/09**

Text: Luke 19, Matthew 19, Mark 12

Money and possessions are a big part of life...your life, my life. God knows this. The church is engaged in a great spiritual battle that requires great resources.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

Luke 19:1-10; Matthew 19:16-23

Q. - What does Jesus judge the reality of Zacchaeus' salvation on?

Q. – Why does the rich young ruler in the Matthew 19 passage walk away from Jesus?

ARE WE LISTENING?

THE BIBLE SPEAKS...again

Luke 3:1, 3, 7-14

Q. – How does John the Baptist answer the various peoples' concern about what they should DO to receive repentance and a right standing with God?

ARE WE LISTENING?

THE BIBLE SPEAKS...one more time

Mark 12:41-44 - ⁴¹And he (Jesus) sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

ARE WE LISTENING?

Q. – Can you honestly say ‘Amen!’ to the cry to deny self, take up your cross and follow Him with no connection and affect on your money and possessions?

The challenge? To take a prayerful, faith drenched step up in giving from where you are today. To respond to His grace through giving just as naturally as thunder follows lightning.

