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Responding to the Opportunity of a Lifetime

Mark 12:41-44

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 - Jesus is not watching the " _____ " but the " _____."
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3. Realize sacrificial giving always invokes God's _____.

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Acts 4:32-35

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- When we give out of our _____, it reflects the _____ of our life.

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

- Our gifts are much _____ in heaven.

1 Samuel 2:3

"Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance, for the LORD is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed.

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