## **SERMON FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2012**

The First Chinese Church of Christ in Hawai'i (UCC) Stewardship Sunday – Veterans Day 2012

7:45 & 10:30 Worship Services

Scripture: Mark 12:38-44 (Focus)

Message: "Seeing Ourselves & Our Neighbors with

New Eyes!"

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## Gathering in the Word Hearing the Word

Mark 12:38-44 (The Message)

They love to walk around in academic gowns, preening in the radiance of public flattery, basking in prominent positions, sitting at the head table at every church function. And all the time they are exploiting the weak and helpless. The longer their prayers, the worse they get. But they'll pay for it in the end." <sup>41-44</sup> Sitting across from the offering box, he was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions. One poor widow came up and put in two small coins—a small-measly two cents. Jesus called his disciples over and said, "The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford—she gave her all."

## **Doing the Word**

So—what is the Word of God for us today?

- 1. ONE: Everything we do is an outflow and an overflow of God's grace!
- 2. TWO: Generosity among the wealthy is a good and socially beneficial activity!
- 3. THREE: Each day we are to see ourselves and our neighbors with new eyes.

## **Sent in the Word**