

“Be yourself. Everybody else is taken.”

Who Am I?

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- Ex.3:11, an excuse of Moses
- 1 Sam.18:18, David’s gratitude, sense of unworthiness [2 Sam.7:18; 1 Chron.17:16; 29:14; 2 Chron.2:6]
 - Humility may give an excuse (Ex.3)
 - Humility may give enthusiasm (David)
- 1 Co.15:9-10
 - Unworthy servant
 - Undeserved sympathy
 - Unprepared sinners

I. A Little Girl's Wish, 2 K.5

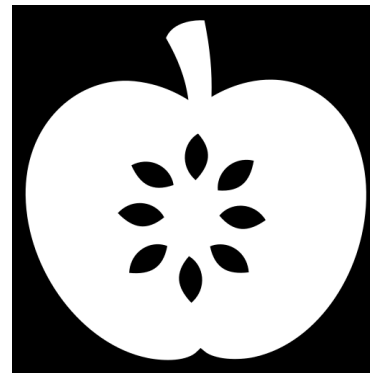
Naaman: Position...Popularity...Problem

- Little girl with no name – fond wish for master
- Servant with no name – life-giving advice

Young lady may influence peers to hear gospel

2 Tim.1:5; 3:15

Lk.8:11



II. A Demoniac's Good News, Mk.5

- Learned truth . . . put clothes on
 - Hog farmers spread the news
- Jesus said yes to demons, no to demoniac

Lord left him behind to tell the news

20: moved by gratitude, spread news

Bad people
can change

Little things go
a long way

III. A Woman's Two Cents' Worth, Mk.12

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BRONZE LEPTON

The widow in Mark 12 gave two lepta coins to the temple, each worth only half a prutah.

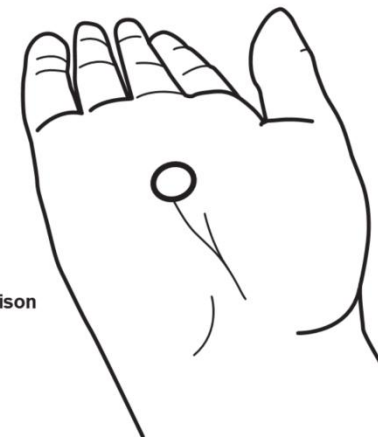
What one coin could buy:
A bath at the public bathhouse.

Translation of coin text:
"Of King Alexander"



A Bronze Lepton

These small bronze coins were minted during the reign of Alexander the Great (336–323 BC). They remained in circulation up to the time of Christ. The widow in the Gospels gave two coins like this as an offering (Mark 12:41–44; Luke 21:1–4).



Size comparison

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 - Mt.6:1-2

Jesus used poor woman as an example

“If I had a fortune, I would...”

IV. An Immoral Woman's Secret, Jn.4

- Three strikes against her:

Female

Foreigner

Fallen

- Why waste time on her?

She needs gospel too

“All I know is a bunch of sinners” (Ro.3:23)

This sinner told other sinners...

V. A Little Boy's Lunch, Jn.6

- 9: at right place, at right time, with right thing
- Barley cakes: poor man's bread
- Nameless, but used what he had

Young men – great potential, influence

2 Tim.2:2. Future elders, teachers . . .

"A youth is a person who ...

is going to carry on what you have started. He is going to sit right where you are sitting, and, when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends on him. He will assume control of your cities, states, and nations. He is going to move and take over your churches, schools, universities, and corporations. All your books are going to be judged, praised, or condemned by him. The fate of humanity is in his hands. So it might be well to pay him some attention!"

VI. A Young Man's Warning, Ac.23

- Conspiracy
- Young man saved Paul's life
- From this time on Paul's . . .

converts

epistles

training

All due to an unnamed young man's courage

"I'm just a boy; what can I do?" 1 Sm.3