

## Are You Superficial or Sacrificial? Mark 12:38-44

*Key Understanding:* False religion seeks to elevate self for \_\_\_\_\_ rather than exalt Jesus Christ through \_\_\_\_\_.

### 5 Marks of Superficial Religiosity

1. They care about outward \_\_\_\_\_  
opposed to \_\_\_\_\_. v.38  
*"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness."* Matthew 23:27
2. They care about personal \_\_\_\_\_ above \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. v.38b
3. They care about social \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. v.39  
*"My brothers and sisters, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism."* James 2:1
4. They care about self-\_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. v.40  
*"Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."* James 1:27
5. They care about false \_\_\_\_\_ more than \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. v.40b  
*"Do not become teachers in large numbers, my brothers, since you know that we who are teachers will incur a stricter judgment"* James 3:1

### 3 Values of Sacrificial Giving

1. Giving should not be to \_\_\_\_\_ men but to the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. v.41  
*"that your charitable giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you."* Matthew 6:4
2. Giving should not be \_\_\_\_\_ but birthed from a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. v.42  
*"Now I say this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows <sup>abundantly</sup>generously will also reap generously. <sup>Each</sup> One must do just as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* 2 Corinthians 9:6,7
3. Giving should not be \_\_\_\_\_ in worth but rather a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. vs.43,44  
*"Everyone shall give as he is able, in accordance with the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you."* Deuteronomy 16:17