

# Final Words

Mark 12:38-44

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## About Worldly Religion

(Mark 12:38-40)

### Hypocrisy in Presentation

- Watch out so you don't become like them

### Hypocrisy in Practice

- Ostentatious manners lead to corrupt morals
- They should've known that God has a special concern for the vulnerable

### Resulting in a Greater Condemnation

- Jesus had a zero-tolerance policy towards religious charlatans
- The greater the exposure to spiritual truth the greater the accountability

## About True Discipleship

(Mark 12:41-44)

- In the widow's offering Jesus saw a picture of humble faith
- God is not so much concerned with the "what" then He is with the "how"
- Generous giving is the antidote to the poison of materialism

# For Life Group Discussion

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1. Throughout our study we've noted the many times Jesus spoke to the crowds (2:13; 3:7; 4:1 etc.). Now in our text He gives a "final word" to them (12:38-40). Is that significant? Why or why not?
2. How does "worldly religion" differ from true Christianity? What can we learn from Jesus' critique of the Scribes in 12:38-39? How can we avoid these same temptations?
3. Read Isa 10:1-2, Jer 7:5-7; Eze 22:6-7; and James 1:27. Do you think this concern for the vulnerable should be reflected in our lives and in our church? If so, how?
4. Do you think its okay to "name names" when we talk about "Christian" teachers we disagree with? In what situations is it appropriate or inappropriate?
5. What is your view regarding giving to the church? What scriptures guide your decision on whether to give and/or how much to give?
6. Read Mark 10:17-31, 12:41-44;, and 1 Tim 6:9-10. What is the relationship between our money and possessions and our relationship with Jesus? How is our giving related to our discipleship?