

Warning to the Crowds and Religionists: Some Things to Guard Against Mark 12: 38– 40

(Mt. 23:5-6, 14; Lk. 20:45-47)

1. **Dressing: To draw attention**
2. **Greetings and titles:
To exalt man**
3. **Front seats and high places:
To be seen, admired, and honoured**
4. **Devouring widows:
To use widows for gain**
5. **Long prayers:
To show piety**

38 As he taught, Jesus said,
“Watch out for the teachers of the law.
They like to walk around in flowing robes
and be greeted in the marketplaces,
39 And have the most important seats in the synagogues
and the places of honour at banquets.
40 They devour widows’ houses
and for a show make lengthy prayers.
Such men will be punished most severely.”

The Widow’s Offerings: Real Giving

Mark 12: 41–44

(Lk. 22:01-04)

1. **Real giving was demonstrated:
Jesus observed some people giving**
 - a. Saw the wealthy give much
 - b. Saw a widow give little
2. **Real giving is sacrificial giving**
3. **Real giving is measured
by how much a person has left –
not by how much a person gives**
4. **Real giving seeks to have a need met**
5. **Real giving is giving all a person has**

41 Jesus sat down
opposite the place where the offerings were put
and watched the crowd putting their money
into the temple treasury.
Many rich people threw in large amounts.
42 But a poor widow came
and put in two very small copper coins,
worth only a fraction of a penny.
43 Calling his disciples to him,
Jesus said, “I tell you the truth,
this poor widow has put more into the treasury
than all the others.
44 They all gave out of their wealth;
but she, out of her poverty,
put in everything –
all she had to live on.”