**Beware and Watch Out!**

“A warning to avoid the influence of false teachers.”

**Text**: **Mark 12:35-40**, “**35**And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, “How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? **36**David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared, “ ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.” ’ **37**David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?” And the great throng heard him gladly. **38**And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces **39**and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, **40**who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” **English Standard Version**

*Beware of those who*…

**Point #1**: **claim** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.35-37**

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**Point #2**: **put** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.38-39**

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**Point #3**: **take** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! ­­­­ **v.40**

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**Point #4**: **pretend** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! ­­­­ **v.40**

**Corollary Verses**: 2 Samuel 7:12-14; Psalm 110:1; Matthew 6:1, 7:15-20; Acts 8:9-12; James 3:1; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Thessalonians 4:6; and Luke 18:9-14.

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1. Read **Matthew 1:1-17** and **Luke 3:23-38** then answer the following questions. What important role do the genealogies play in identifying the Messiah? What do they tell us about him? How can you use the genealogies to support Christ as the Messiah to those who inquire? How does Matthew 1:1, by itself, testify to the Messiahship of Christ?
2. Read **1 Timothy 1:3-7**, **6:3-5**; **Acts 20:28-30**; **1 John 4:1-6** then answer the following questions. How can you identify a false teacher? Where will false teachers come from? What evidence will a biblically solid teacher produce? Whose responsibility is it to identify false teachers? Have you ever personally encountered one? If so, share with the group.
3. Read **Matthew 6:1-4**; **Luke 14:7-11**; and **Matthew 23:1-12** then answer the following questions. List some of the ways that you and I can practice righteousness. Why is it important to give without others knowing? Why is it important to practice what you preach? What role does humility play and how does it help you identify biblically sound teachers?
4. Read **Matthew 5:16**; **1 Peter 2:12**; and **2 Corinthians 9:13** then answer the following questions. Why is it extremely important to produce good works, in a humble Christ-like manner, when non-believers are present? (there are two answers) How does Christian generosity bring glory to God?
5. Read; **Luke 12:48**; **Matthew 11:20-24**; **Mark 12:40** then answer the following questions. Throughout the scriptures there is a theological truism that says, “the more you know, the more accountable to God you become.” How do these verses support this teaching? Now that you know you are more accountable for the knowledge you have, how does this make you feel?