

**Series: Mark (Jesus - the Son of God)**

**Sermon: Preachers with Bad Motives**

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**Bible Verses: Mark 12:38-13:2**

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**THE BIG IDEA:**

**Good leaders chase \_\_\_\_\_, bad leaders chase fame, \_\_\_\_\_, and followers.**

The three different "sections" in Mark 12:38-13:2 make \_\_\_\_\_ about false teachers.

Jesus warns against teachers of the law (a group of religious teachers) saying " \_\_\_\_\_ "

**Some potential characteristics of these kind of religious leaders:**

- They like to walk around in "flowing robes"/very \_\_\_\_\_ to get attention.
- They want to be recognized \_\_\_\_\_ wherever they go.
- They make \_\_\_\_\_ to sound more spiritual
- They "devour" widows' \_\_\_\_\_ (they care about money more than people)

**These sorts of religious leaders will be punished \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Hell is not equal for everyone, and they'll get some of the worst.**

*The widow giving her last two pennies wasn't a \_\_\_\_\_ and inspiration. She was a sign that false teachers existed, that they'd rather devour her house to be wealthy, and that the religious system of their day was hopelessly \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Practical Application:**

Just because someone has the title of "Pastor" or seems to be a religious leader \_\_\_\_\_ they can be \_\_\_\_\_. Questions to ask:

- Are their teachings Biblically \_\_\_\_\_?
- Does their lifestyle match Scriptural advice (neither poverty nor loving money).
- Do they seem like they " \_\_\_\_\_ "?

I cannot throw away the whole \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or following \_\_\_\_\_ just because some preachers are messed up. Satan loves to distort what is good, and that includes getting me ticked off and abandoning God and church.

If I am, or want to be a leader, I \_\_\_\_\_ make sure my \_\_\_\_\_ are straight. I need good jerk friends, a heart that will accept discipline, and must connect with God daily.