

**Beware of Teachers who Devour the Poor**  
**Mark 12:38-44**  
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**1. A warning against teachers who promote themselves and devour the vulnerable (38-40)**

**2. A widow who was devoured (41-44)**

*Next week: 2 Timothy 3:1-5*

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## Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. In our text, Jesus warned about some teachers. What were they like?
3. What do “prosperity” and “Word of Faith” teachers teach? How do they fit the description of the scribes in verses 38-40?
4. How can we know the difference between false teachers and true teachers of God’s Word?
5. What are some of the qualities of true teachers of God’s Word?
6. What is the true gospel?

### Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. Consider the description of the scribes in verses 38-40. How is Christ the opposite, and how are true teachers of God’s Word to be the opposite?
3. Some teachers say that Jesus’ words in verses 43-44 are essentially commending the example of the poor widow’s giving. Other teachers say Jesus’ words are essentially disapproving of the corrupt temple system and the way the poor widow was treated under that system. What is found in the context that favors one interpretation over the other? Explain.
4. How do “prosperity” and “Word of Faith” teachers twist the Scriptures? What do the Scriptures truly teach? Ground your answer in specific Bible passages.
5. How do the following passages relate to this passage: Micah 3; 1 Timothy 6:2b-11; 2 Peter 2:1-3, 15-16?
6. Jesus instructs us to “beware” of false teachers. What does this mean practically for our lives?
7. What is the primary way you should be affected by this passage this week?