



***“Words of Warning and Witness”***

Mark 12:38-44 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon  
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***Introduction*** –After challenging the Scribes on their interpretation of Psalm 110, Jesus warns His disciples not to be like the Scribes, and commends the faith of a poor widow.

***I. Beware of a Religion Devoted to Self.***

A. Jesus warns His disciples not to be like the Scribes.

1. They were very religious.

2. But it was all to make them look good.

B. The Scribes loved to garner the respect of others.

C. The Scribes loved to be first.

D. To get ahead, the Scribes would even take financial advantage of widows.

E. The well-being of widows is a serious concern of God.

***II. Become a Person Devoted to God.***

A. Jesus sits down and begins to watch people give their gifts to God at the Temple Treasury.

B. Jesus sees rich people giving large sums and compares it to the “2 lepta” the widow gives.

C. The rich are giving out of their surplus.

D. The widow is giving her whole life.

E. Why is Jesus telling us this?

***Conclusion***