



1. Beware _____ (vv.45-46a)

Luke 20:45 And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples,
46 "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts,
47 who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."
(ESV)

2. Avoid _____ (vv.46b-47a)

3. Fear _____ (v.47b)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **2 Peter 2:1-3**. Why do you think warnings like this are so unpopular in our modern evangelical culture? What is the risk when Christians are never warned about false teaching and false teachers?
2. Read **Matthew 7:15-16** and **Acts 20:29-31**. Why is it more difficult than many Christians assume to identify the kinds of "twisting" of the truth that is warned of in these passages?
3. Read **Matthew 23:1-7**. While it is our tendency to read this passage and seek to identify these traits in others, what in this list (and the list we studied in Luke 20:46b-47a) do you find to be a particular temptation for you?
4. Read **James 4:3-10**. How does this hard-hitting passage help you to identify the ways selfishness can creep into your thinking and decision-making as a Christian?
5. Read **2 Timothy 4:1-5**. Even though this passage was originally addressed to a pastor, what can you learn about guarding your life from spiritual compromise?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

March 18th
Deut. 31-32 & Lk. 1:1-23
March 19th
Deut. 33-34 & Lk. 1:24-56
March 20th
Josh. 1-3 & Lk. 1:57-80
March 21st
Josh. 4-6 & Lk. 2:1-24
March 22nd
Josh. 7-8 & Lk. 2:25-52
March 23rd
Josh. 9-10 & Lk. 3
March 24th
Josh. 11-13 & Lk. 4:1-32
March 25th
Josh. 14-15 & Lk. 4:33-44

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Msg. 15-30 – **Obstacles on the Road to Christ: Grandiosity**
Msg. 16-27 – **Worldly Profits & Godly Investments**
Msg. 17-04 – **Godliness, Greed, & God's Word**
Msg. 13-13 – **Managing Your Ambitions**
Msg. 13-04 – **The Gospel's Assault on the Egocentric**
Msg. 07-33 – **Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness**
Msg. 06-21 – **Watching Out for the Pacifying Benefits of Dating Christ**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Mayhue, Richard. **The Healing Promise: Is It Always God's Will to Heal?** Mentor Books, 1997.
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