



Mark 12

Anatomy of a Dead Church

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR
PRAYER AND REFLECTION
LUNCH HOUR MINISTRY

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People who reject God-ordained authority do so because they want to be in authority.

Psa 80:8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it. **9** Thou preparedst *room* before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land. **10** The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* the goodly cedars.

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Hos 10:1 Israel *is* an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.

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1. The People Are Ungrateful.

An ungrateful heart has
a short memory.

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Deu 6:10 And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, **11** And houses full of all good *things*, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; **12** *Then* beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

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We are most vulnerable to ungratefulness after God has poured out blessings on us.

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2. The People Are Political.

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Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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3. The People Are Unbiblical.
4. The People Are Ceremonial.
5. The People Are Prideful.

Churches that are political, unbiblical, and ceremonial, are too proud to gladly believe and receive the teachings of Christ.

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In dead churches, the people are simply acting.

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Mat 23:27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness.

Dead churches are comprised of strangers who gather for a weekly performance.

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The Lord watches our giving.

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Mal 1:8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, *is it* not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, *is it* not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

How we give is a reflection of how we view Him.