



## The Anatomy of a Dead Church – Mark 12

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- In chapter 12, the religious leaders continue their campaign of trying to discredit Jesus as the Messiah.
- Chapter 12 gives us a picture of a spiritually dead church.

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

- The religious leaders of Israel were not interested in being under Jesus' authority.

### 1. The People Are \_\_\_\_\_.

*Psa. 80:8-10; Hos. 10:1; Deu. 6:10-12; Isa. 5:1-7*

An ungrateful heart has a \_\_\_\_\_.

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

### 2. The People Are \_\_\_\_\_.

*Gal. 3:27-29*

- It is right for believers to pay taxes (Mat. 17:26-27; Rom. 13).
- When a church becomes a hub for certain politicians, that is surely a dead church.

### 3. The People Are \_\_\_\_\_.

*Deu. 25:5*

- The Sadducees did not know the Word of God and only accepted the books of Moses as Scripture.
- Churches that are political will also be unbiblical.

### 4. The People Are \_\_\_\_\_.

*Deu. 6:4; Lev. 19:18*

- Rabbis debated amongst themselves which commands in the Mosaic law were heavy and which ones were light.
- In ceremonial churches, people come weekly to engage in organized worship w/ out knowing and loving God.

### 5. The People Are \_\_\_\_\_.

*Rev. 22:16; Mk. 10:15*

- Not only was Jesus the Son of David, He was the Lord of David.
- The common people were like those who received the Kingdom of God as little children.

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

**6. The People Are\_\_\_\_\_.**

*Mat. 23:37*

- In Jesus' day, hypocrites were actors.

In dead churches, the people are simply \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**7. The People Are\_\_\_\_\_.**

*Mal. 1:8*

The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ our giving.

The poor widow gave more because it \_\_\_\_\_ her more.

*"The test of liberality is not what is given, but what is left."* -William Kelly

How we give is a reflection of how we \_\_\_\_\_ Him.