

The Gospel of Mark: Responding to Jesus
Guard Your Heart, Your Character, Your Life

Mark 12:38-40

Sunday, August 31, 2025

"Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death" (James 1:13-15).

Beware:

I. Jesus _____ against what comes _____ (Mark 12:38-39).

Matthew 23:1-11

"They do all their deeds to be seen by others" (Mt. 23:5).

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted" (Mt. 23:12).

"Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate."
- Prov. 8:13

"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."
- Prov. 16:18

Proverbs 31:30

Isaiah 53:2

Daniel 4:37

Evaluate yourself prayerfully

II. We guard _____ when we guard our _____ (Mark 12:40).

Luke 11:30 & Luke 16:14

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world" (James 1:27).

Matthew 5:5-6

"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (Luke 18:13)

"Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." (Luke 5:8)

"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Luke 18:38)

"Lord, save me!" (Matthew 14:30)

"They will receive the greater condemnation" (vs. 40).

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1).

Has the good news of the Gospel changed your future? Is it changing your life?

1. If this is your first worship experience at HHBC, let us know and tell us how we can pray for you or answer any questions. Send us a message on Facebook or e-mail at info@hhbc.org.
2. **How much do you know about the Gospel?** Do you have questions about Christianity or your own spiritual condition? If so, please e-mail or call Pastor Gene this week (cell: 864.616.5899 or gene@hhbc.org).
3. Join us Wednesday @ 6:30 PM (Refuel, Student & Children's Ministry)
4. Join us Thursday for **Rush Hour Prayer** at 7:00 AM, weather-permitting (no rain and 40 degrees or above).