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**Lesson 22 – Top Priority**

**Mark 12 :28-44**

**Day 1 – Review**

1. What challenged or encouraged you from the lecture, and how did it help you
in your Christian walk?

2. What in the notes helped you to understand God’s Word, and how did you
apply it?

**Day 2 – Read Mark 12:28-34**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson. One possible verse to pray is Nehemiah 8:12.
Lord, may I rejoice greatly today, because I understand Your word declared to me.*

3. What caused the scribe to ask Jesus a question?

4. According to Mark 12:29-30, write word for word the commandment Jesus says is “the most important”?

5. ***Thought Question:*** What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength?

6. How do the following verses show you to love God according to the first commandment?

Psalm 18: 1-3-

Psalm 63:1-3-

1John 5:1-

John 14:21-

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7. What is the second greatest commandment?

8. ***Thought Question:*** Why do you think Jesus responded so differently to this scribe than He did to the previous scribes and Pharisees and their questions? See Mark 12:32-34

***Apply this day:*** *Look back over the verses in Question 6. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where your love for God is lacking, and then ask Him to help you change and to fan the flame of your love for God. Read 1 John 1:9*

**Day 3 – Read Mark 12:35-37**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

9. a. Write down the exact words that the Holy Spirit revealed to David about the Christ.

 b. The word “Lord” is used twice in v.36. To whom does “the Lord” refer? To whom does “my Lord” refer?

10. ***Thought Question:*** What is Jesus teaching the people as He quotes from the prophetic (messianic) Psalm 110:1?

11. Read John 17:3, and state what the Scriptures clearly tell us about Jesus.

12. ***Personal Question:*** How can knowing that Jesus is both God *and* man help you today? Can you say that He is your Lord?

***Apply this day:*** *Are you “hearing Him gladly” as the great throng did in Mark 12:37? Will you pray and ask the Lord Jesus to help you receive the Word with gladness today?*

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**Day 4 – Read Mark 12:39-40**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

13. Jesus uses strong words of condemnation for the scribes. List some of their offenses according to verses 39-40:

14. ***Thought Question:*** In your own words, describe what plagued the scribes?

15. What did you learn about pride and hypocrisy from the following verses, and how could you apply each one personally?

James 1:27-

James 2:3-4-

Luke 14:7-11

Matthew 6:5-7

16. ***Personal Question:*** Whose hypocrisy bothers you more—yours or others? Ouch! What does this tell you?

17. According to Mark 12:40, who does Jesus say will receive greater condemnation? How can you apply this to your life? Refer to Luke 12:48

***Apply this day:*** *Ask the Holy Spirit today to reveal your internal pride and hypocrisy. For further reflection read Psalm 139:1-2,4*

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**Day 5 – Read Mark 12:41-43**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

18. Where did Jesus sit down, and describe what He saw?

19. a. What does your Bible tell you was the value of the poor widow’s offering?

 b. How much value did Jesus give to the poor widow’s offering?

20. According to Mark 12:44, why is the poor widow’s contribution far more valuable than those of all the rich people?

21. ***Thought Question:*** What does it mean to give out of your poverty?

What does it mean to give out of your abundance?

22. Read 2 Corinthians 8:9. What example does Jesus give us for sacrificial giving?

22. ***Personal Question:*** When did you last give to the point (material or in other ways) that you had little or even nothing left for yourself?

***Apply this day:*** *Take time today and reflect on your giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord. What is your motivation for giving? How does your giving reveal your trust in God to supply your needs? Ask God to help you begin to give not only out of your abundance, but also out of your poverty.*

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**Day 6 – Reread Mark 12 :29-31  (SOAP)**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

**Scripture** – *Write the verse(s).*

**Observation** – *Record something you learned from this verse. Possible questions to ask for observation: What principle do I learn? What warning should I heed? What commandment should I obey? What aspect of God’s character do I see?*

**Application** *– How can I apply this verse to my life?*

**Prayer** *– Pray to God, praise Him, and ask Him for what you need in response to what you learned. Write down your prayer.*