

FIVE WARNINGS FROM MARK 12:38-40

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³⁸ And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹ and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰ who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

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| Long Robes | Don't love outfits which bring self-glory | Already clothed in Christ's righteousness | Clothe others with honor |
| Greetings in the marketplace | Don't worry about titles in the Church | Called sons and daughters of God; a Royal priesthood | Build others up |
| Seats of honor | Don't seek best seats, etc. | Already seated with Christ in the heavenlies | Seek interests of others |
| Devouring widows' Houses | Don't consume the poor's goods and wealth | Will have treasures in heaven | Work hard so as to be as generous as possible |
| Long pretentious prayers | Don't pray for show | Christ is our Intercessor | Be slow to speak; listen to the Word & others' prayers |