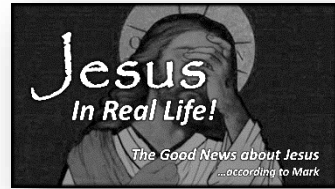




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LOOKING GOOD *or* BEING GOOD?
Jesus Confronts Appearances of Power
MARK 12:35-44

A Tale of Two Kings

- *King Saul* 1 SAMUEL 9:2; 15:17,24, 26
- *King David* 1 SAMUEL 16:7; 2 SAMUEL 17:16

“Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely.”

~LORD ACTON, April 5th, 1887

Appearances of Power

P _____, P _____, P _____

Jesus Confronted...

1. POSITION *without* _____ vss. 35-37: DANIEL 9:24, 26; MARK 10:43-45

Jesus Confronted...

2. PROMINENCE *without* _____ vss. 38-40; MATTHEW 6:4; JAMES 4:6

Jesus Confronted...

3. PROSPERITY *without* _____ vss. 41-44; 3 JOHN 2

Generosity is...

- *Humanly* _____, *but Spiritually* _____ PROVERBS 11:25
- *Humanly* _____, *but Spiritually* _____ 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6, 7; LUKE 6:38
- *Humanly* _____, *but Spiritually* _____ PROVERBS 13:22

➤ *Coming Up Next in Mark 13...The Signs of the Times!*

LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
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GETTING STARTED *“In your opinion...”*

1. What do you remember about this week’s message that might have been helpful?
2. What is it about having power that tends to corrupt a person?
3. How much money does one have to have to be considered rich or wealthy?
4. What does it mean to be **“rich in God”**?

GOING DEEPER *“According to the Bible...”*

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading

- Read the story of the Rich Fool in **Luke 12:13-21**.
 - In verse 13, what prompted Jesus to tell this story?
 - In verse 15, what did Jesus see in the man’s heart? How did Jesus correct the man’s definition of **“life”**? What do you think is Jesus’ definition of **“life”**?
 - In the story, was the rich man’s business legitimate? Had he done anything illegal to get his wealth?
 - Why do you think he was called a “fool”? What was his problem?
 - In verse 21, what does it mean to be **“rich toward God”**?
- From the following verses, what are the **“riches of God”**?
 - **Romans 2:4**
 - **2 Corinthians 8:2**
 - **Ephesians 1:7, 18; 2:4, 7**
 - **Philippians 4:19**
 - **Colossians 1:27; 2:2**
 - **1 Timothy 6:18**
- **Read James 2:5**. What does James say is an advantage for being poor? Does this mean that the wealthy cannot be rich in faith?
- Read **Mark 10:23-27**. Can rich people be saved? How?
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