

THE PASTOR'S ESSENTIALS®

OUR LIVES IN THE BIBLE - THE BIBLE IN OUR LIVES

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MATTHEW 7:13-14

es-sen-tials (ĭ-sĕn'shəlz) – *noun* – those things that are necessary and basic to life. In biochemistry essentials are substances that are required for normal functioning but cannot be synthesized by the body and therefore must be included in the diet. Essentials are those things that are fundamental to the spiritual health of the professing Christian.

The Gospel of Mark A BIBLE STUDY

SESSION TWELVE

Mark 12:1-12:44

Questions for Session Twelve

1. What did the owner of the vineyard *really* expect at harvest time? How were persons treated, whom he sent to collect the fruit of the vineyard? What does this tell us about *our* lives nearly two thousand years later?
2. Metaphorically speaking, what is the fruit of the vineyard in this parabolic teaching? Relate v. 10 to the parable in vv. 1-9. What was the stone? Who were the builders?
3. How did Jesus initially handle the question of paying taxes to Cæsar? What was his response? Why do you suppose they were amazed at Jesus' teaching in v. 17?

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4. According to the Sadducees, what was Moses' teaching on marrying the widow of a brother? What is the significance of the number seven in this lesson? How did Jesus deal with their question?
5. How did Jesus address the question of the resurrection of the dead in v. 26? What Old Testament account did Jesus use in teaching this lesson?
6. Why did the teachers of the law insist upon Jesus ranking the importance of the biblical commandments? Interpret v. 29. How did Jesus answer the question regarding ranking the commandments that they were to keep?
7. How does v. 33 shed light on the freshness and newness of the commandments that Jesus shared with them? How can we apply this to our lives today?
8. Was Jesus inferring anything in vv. 35-37 about his own lineage, when he told the story of David? Please explain in some detail.

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9. What was Jesus' opinion of the teachers of the law? Why would they be dealt with harshly? What lesson is there for our lives as twenty-first century Christians?

10. What can we take from Jesus' observation of the widow's offering? Are we giving to God's kingdom out of our wealth, or are we giving out of our poverty? Are we giving sacrificially to God?

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