

# Death To Selfie

## Week 4: "Death To Defensiveness"

**Weekly Summary:** The teachers of the law knew Jesus spoke his scathing Parable of the Tenants against them. Yet instead of repenting of their shocking sins, they looked for a way to kill Jesus. They cared more about their embarrassment than their relationship with God. How about us? Jesus is willing to embarrass himself to become the capstone of our faith. Will will you cling to your image? Or will he become marvelous in your eyes?

◆ Proverbs 12:1 - Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid.

◆ Mark 12:1 - Jesus then began to speak to them in parables: "A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place.

Mark 12:2 - At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard.

Mark 12:3 - But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed.

Mark 12:4 - Then he sent another servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully.

Mark 12:5 - He sent still another, and that one they killed. He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed.

Mark 12:6 - "He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

Mark 12:7 - "But the tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'

Mark 12:8 - So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

Mark 12:9 - "What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.

Mark 12:10-11 - Haven't you read this passage of Scripture: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; 11 the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

Mark 12:12 - Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left him and went away.

- ◆ Psalm 24:1 - The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.
  
- ◆ 5 Stupid Reactions to Being Corrected:
  1. **Ignore**
  2. **Excuse**
  3. **Defend**
  4. **Attack**
  5. **Avoid**
  
- ◆ 2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

### **Points to Ponder**

1. On a scale of 1-10, how correctable do you think you are?
2. Challenge: Ask a friend, a relative, and a coworker to rate you on that same scale.
3. Name at least three reasons why having a teachable heart is essential to following Jesus.

### **Homework For Next Week: Mark 12:41-44**

*“God sends no one away empty except those who are full of themselves.”  
~ Dwight L. Moody*