

## Mark 12:13-34 • Three Types of Challengers

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1. (v.13-17) How to deal with hypocrites.
  - a. Make a distinction between the things of God and the things of this world.
  - b. They must choose between the things of this life or the next.
  - c. We are most like Pharisees when we seek to make this life better at the expense of others.
  
2. (v.18-27) How to deal with the deceived.
  - a. Directly, with the truth of God's Word.
  - b. They must stop using the things of God to justify things in this life.
  - c. We are most like Sadducees when we seek to be "right" in our arguments at the expense of our love.
  
3. (v.28-34) How to deal with the true seeker.
  - a. Enable them to seek God on God's terms rather than their own.
  - b. They need to be affirmed to seek the things of God.
  - c. We are most like the scribe when we seek to personally apply God's Word.
  
4. How do these attributes compare with Christ's admonition in last week's reading to come to Him as a child and aspire to become a servant?