

The Parable of the Tenants—[Mark 12:1–12](#)

Topics:

Criticism, Dishonesty, Greed, Mediator, Murder, Possessions, Prophecy, Punishment

Open It

1. *When have you ever been cheated out of something that was rightfully yours?
2. What was your reaction to a time when you were cheated?

Explore It

1. How did Jesus get across His point in this situation? ([12:1](#))
2. To whom was Jesus speaking? ([12:1](#))
3. Why did the man in the parable plant a vineyard? ([12:1](#))
4. What happened to the man's vineyard while he was away on a journey? ([12:1](#))
5. *Whom do the farmer, servants, and son in the parable represent? ([12:1–6](#))
6. *Why did the owner of the vineyard send so many servants to the tenants looking after the vineyard? ([12:2–5](#))
7. Who was the last person the owner sent to his vineyard? ([12:6](#))
8. How did the tenants want to cheat the son? ([12:7](#))

9. *How did the tenants treat the owner's son? Why? ([12:7-8](#))
10. What would be the response of the vineyard owner when he discovered how the tenants treated his son? ([12:9](#))
11. What is the significance in Jesus saying that He will fulfill [Psalm 118:22-23](#)? ([12:10-11](#))
12. How did the religious leaders respond to the parable Jesus told? ([12:12](#))

Get It

1. What is the meaning of this parable?
2. Who are God's messengers?
3. How has God delivered His message to us today?
4. *In what ways is it possible to mistreat the messengers or message God has sent us?
5. How does God want us to treat His message?
6. When have you ever been mistreated because of your faith in Christ?
7. *How can we show respect for the message God has given us?

8. How does Jesus' example encourage you to respond when you are faced with difficult circumstances?
9. How can you be a better steward of the spiritual responsibility God has given you?
10. What can we expect the Lord to do if we try to rob Him of what is rightfully His?
11. How does this passage encourage you to use your gifts and abilities for the Lord's glory?

Apply It

1. What is one area of your life that you are holding back from the Lord for fear that He may ask too much of you?
2. What step can you take this week to commit yourself completely to the Lord?
3. *What can you do every day this week out of respect for God's Word?