



PARKWAY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE **STUDY**

**Topic: Grasping Our Lord's Desire
...For the Use of Money and the Church**

Passage: St. Mark 11:12-19



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INTRODUCTION

- What disturbs you most about the church and money?
- In this passage we shall notice what we may call:
 - The surprising outrage of Jesus at the tree
 - The surprising outrage of Jesus at the money changers
 - The surprising outrage of the religious leaders at Jesus

INVESTIGATION

- Verses 12-14 – Jesus was incensed at the tree because it stood as a symbol of unfruitfulness instead of fruitfulness
- Verses 15-17 - Jesus was incensed at the wrong use of the Temple as it became a place of profiteering rather than one of prayer
- Verses 18-19 - The religious leaders were incensed at Jesus because he was causing the people to experience spiritual enlightenment instead of economic exploitation

IMPLICATION

- The church must never be allowed to become a place that cannot respond to the needs of those who come to her for help.
- The church's agenda must be guarded against those who would corrupt it with selfish profit motives.
- The church cannot give in to the fury of those who do not want persons to be released from economic bondage and experience spiritual enlightenment.

INTEGRATION

- Are you contributing as much as you should, so as to enable your church to respond to the needs of those who look to her for help?
- Are you willing to be courageous enough to guard your church from serving the selfish ambition of a few?
- Are you committed enough to be a willing worker for the economic and spiritual liberation of your brothers and sisters in Christ, particularly in your local church?

INTERCESSION

- What is the greatest adjustment and or commitment you need to make or adhere to regarding money and your church?
- Pray for self/each other according to what was shared.