Mark Part 44: Real Christians are the Hope for America

13 Then they sent some of the Pharisees and the Herodians to Jesus to trap him in his
words. 14 When they came, they said to him, “Teacher, we know you are truthful and
don’t care what anyone thinks, nor do you show partiality but teach the way of God
truthfully. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay or shouldn’t we?”
15 But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why are you testing me? Bring me a
denarius to look at.” 16 They brought a coin. “Whose image and inscription is this?” he
asked them. “Caesar’s,” they replied.
17 Jesus told them, “Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the
things that are God’s.” And they were utterly amazed at him. (Mark 12:13-17 CSB)

1. Jesus taught us that we can change our world through _____ persistence.

Take no rest, all you who pray to the Lord. Give the Lord no rest until he completes his work” (Isaiah 62: 6-7 NLT)

2. Righteousness gives Christian’s _____.

The prayer of a **righteous** person is very powerful in its effect. (James 5:16 CSB)

Those who pursue righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor. (Proverbs 21:21 CEB)

3. Godly _____ is very different from worldly waiting.

But they who **wait** for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31 ESV)

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. (Hebrews 6:19 CSB)