

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"The Fear Of Man"
Luke 12:1-12
Study-52

Five times the word **Fear: Verses 4,5,7,11**

Parallel passage, Matthew 10:26-33; 16:11-12; Mark 8:14

Luke 9:51-19:27 The Rejection Of The Son Of Man: Ten times Luke refers to Jesus on the road

Luke 12 – Hindrances To Holiness:

Verses 1-12 Be Careful Lest Satan Hinder You - The Fear Of Man:

Verses 13-34 Be Confident God Will Not Fail You - Love Of Money:

Verses 35-59 Be Consistent In Preparing For Christ's Return:

Thought Of Our Passage: "Jesus Calls His Disciples To A Commitment Of Trusting Him And Living Unhypocritical Lives Before Him"

1. Verses 1-3 Remember – We're Accountable To God:

2. Verses 4-5 Recognize - The One To Fear:

3. Verses 6-7 Realize – God Cares:

4. Verses 8-10 Respond - With Public Confession:

5. Verses 11-12 Rely - Upon The Holy Spirit:

1. Verses 1-3 Remember - Were Accountable To God:

Luke 12:1 Under these circumstances, (Context) Jesus just left a heated lunch invitation. The dessert was replaced with Roloids and Tums.

Luke 11:53-54 The word **catch** – used of "*hunting wild beasts*"

after so many thousands of the people had gathered together; that they were stepping on one another, (People die every year from Unruly Crowds)

He began saying to His disciples first of all, (Luke 12 Jesus' instruction takes place in one setting, Jesus is interrupted **two times, Verse 13, 41)**

Jesus starts by addressing His disciples. **Disciples** – "*a follower of the teacher and his teaching*"

"Beware "watch out! be on the lookout" of the leaven of the Pharisees,

leaven – in Scripture, is always bad; it is a picture of sin, evil or corruption. *It is yeast that enters in as a small portion and takes over the whole lump of dough.* **Exodus 12** Passover began with seven days Unleavened Bread. Bread represented Jesus the sustenance of life: taking Him every day, without sin, or corruption. **1 Corinthians 5:6-7**

Pharisees – “separate ones, to separate” Orthodox but spiritual play actors, phony.

which is hypocrisy – Context Luke 11:37-54 Jesus exposed the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. Greek word **Hypocrite** – “to speak from underneath” **Conscience insincerity, moral deficiency. Living a lie!**

the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. What was it?
Pharisees were orthodox, they were play acting. **(Act Versus Character, “It’s Never Safe To Be Two-Faced”)**

Danger to those wanting to follow God: Hypocrisy is undetectable, at first it seems sincere. The religious externally were religious.

The Danger of Compromising in Our Integrity:

Luke 12:2 "But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, Great White Throne Judgment (Nonbelievers) (Believers) Romans 14

Luke 12:3 “What man does secretly in hypocrisy, God would proclaim publicly” Numbers 32:23

We are accountable to God! Don’t let the snare of man lead to compromising our integrity!

2. Verses 4-5 Recognize - The One To Fear:

Luke 12:4 "I say to you, My friends, Jesus is speaking to His disciples. Tenderness of Jesus! God is our friend. **John 15:14**

do not be afraid of those who kill the body, we are not to fear man. **Proverbs 29:25**

and after that have no more that they can do. (God’s Permission)
Can’t touch their eternal soul, relationship.

Luke 12:5 "But I will warn you whom to fear: The word **fear** – “reverence, Awe, fearfulness” **Psalms 33:8; Proverbs 1:7; Proverbs 16:6**

fear the One who after He has killed has authority to cast into hell;
1 Peter 3:13-15

fear the One We prefer the love/grace of God! God is the one we take along with us.
Moses - Exodus 3:6

Isaiah - Isaiah 6:5

We need to fear God, if we would, we would not sin and follow man.

to cast into hell; The word **hell** – is Hinnom – taken from the Valley of Hinnom. "Ge" Valley - "*Gehenna*" or "*Gehenna of fire, punishment*" It was South/West of the city of Jerusalem that became known when Solomon sacrificed children to the god Baal-Molech. **2 Kings 16:3; 2 Chronicles 28:3** It became a cursed area **Jeremiah 7:32; 19:6** It became a garbage dump **2 Kings 23:10**

God's 1st Warning of Judgement: Genesis 3:3-4 "You surely shall not die! The first doctrine challenged in the Bible and denied by the Devil is that of the judgment of God!

yes, I tell you, fear Him! the power, reverence of a Holy God.

Recognize: The One To Fear

3. Verses 6-7 Realize – God Cares:

Luke 12:6 What's the point here with the sparrows?
This is "**An argument from the lesser to the greater!**"
Matthew 10:28-31 (take 4 you get 1 free)

Yet not one of them is forgotten before God. The most common of birds. God cares.

Luke 12:7 "Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
(God is concerned enough to number our hairs, how much more of us?)

Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows. "When fear is tempered by love, it becomes adoration"

Romans 8:32

Realize: God Cares

4. Verses 8-10 Respond - With Public Confession:

Luke 12:8 "And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, True conversion of the heart always leads to true confession with the lips.

Romans 10:8-10

the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God;
This speaks of assurance. **1 John 5:13**

Luke 12:9 denies Me *"refuse to recognize and acknowledge"* **Luke 9:26**

Luke 12:10 Jesus spoke about this in **Matthew 12:22-32 (Detail);**
Luke 11:14-26 The religious leaders accused Jesus of being empowered by Satan.

but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him. This is called **"The Blasphemy of The Holy Spirit!"**

It is saying persistently "NO" over and over again to the drawing of God's Spirit. It is saying "NO" to the truth about God and ourselves.

it shall not be forgiven him. Forgiveness is the result of repentance.
(Without Repentance there is No possibility of forgiveness)

Respond: With Public Confession

5. Verses 11-12 Rely - Upon The Holy Spirit:

Luke 12:11 "When they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, Jesus was instructing His disciples (Jewish believers) We see this in the book of **Acts**.

do not worry about how or what you are to speak in your defense, or what you are to say; The context is disciples suffering for following and confessing Jesus. **Acts 7**

Luke 12:12 Passage is a promise to keep us from excessive care and worry! 1 Peter 3:15

Rely: Upon The Holy Spirit

Application:

- 1. Remember - Were Accountable To God:** God sees all and will reveal all.
- 2. Recognize - The One To Fear:** Proper fear of God means we won't fear others.
- 3. Realize - God's Protection:** God knows the smallest details about us.
- 4. Respond - With Public Confession:** Trusting Jesus in the heart leads to speaking out with our lips.
- 5. Rely - Upon The Holy Spirit:** Holy Spirit's promise to keep us from excessive care and worry.