


Warnings and Encouragement for Disciples


Luke 12:1-12

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Warnings followed by comfort

- **Luke 12:1-5**
Warnings against hypocrisy and fear of man
- **Luke 12:6, 7**
Comfort that God cares for us
- **Luke 12:8-10**
Warnings against denial and blaspheme
- **Luke 12:11, 12**
Comfort that the Holy Spirit will enable us to confess Christ when persecuted



Hypocrisy could become a hidden contaminant in disciples

- **Luke 12:1**
Under these circumstances, after so many thousands of the multitude had gathered together that they were stepping on one another, He began saying to His disciples first of all, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy."



Hypocrisy in Luke

■ **Luke 6:42**

Or how can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye," when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.



Hypocrisy in Luke

■ **Luke 12:55, 56**

And when you see a south wind blowing, you say, "It will be a hot day," and it turns out that way. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why do you not analyze this present time?



Hypocrisy in Luke

■ **Luke 13:15, 16**

But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites, does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead him away to water him? ¹⁶And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?"



Hidden "yeast" will not remain that way

■ **Luke 12:2, 3**

But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. ³Accordingly, whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms will be proclaimed upon the housetops.



Disciples face persecution so they must learn to fear God not man

■ **Luke 12:4, 5**

I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. ⁵But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!



God's omniscience and providence are to comfort disciples

■ **Luke 12:6, 7**

Are not five sparrows sold for two cents? Yet not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.



The promise is eternal security

■ **Luke 21:16 - 18**

But you will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, ¹⁷and you will be hated by all on account of My name. ¹⁸Yet not a hair of your head will perish.



Disciples must not fear when persecuted, but confess Christ

■ **Luke 12:8, 9**

And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God; ⁹but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.



The horrible danger of hardening one's self against the work of the Spirit

■ **Luke 12:10**

And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him.



The Holy Spirit enables disciples to confess Christ when persecuted

■ **Luke 12:11, 12**

When they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not worry about how or what you are to speak in your defense, or what you are to say; ¹²for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.



Applications and Implications

- 1) Understand what hypocrisy is and is not in order to avoid it
- 2) Knowing God's presence and care for us will help us overcome the fear of man
- 3) The work of God's Spirit in us will give us the power to confess Christ



- 1) Understand what hypocrisy is and is not in order to avoid it

Hypocrisy is to be wrongly motivated

■ **Matthew 6:5**

And when you pray, you are not to be as the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners, in order to be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

1) Understand what hypocrisy is and is not in order to avoid it

Hypocrisy is not “emotional dishonesty”

■ **Ephesians 4:29**

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear.

2) Knowing God's presence and care for us will help us overcome the fear of man

■ **Hebrews 13:5, 6**

Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, “I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,” ^eso that we confidently say, “The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?”

2) Knowing God's presence and care for us will help us overcome the fear of man

■ **Romans 8:32, 33**

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?
³³Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

2) Knowing God's presence and care for us will help us overcome the fear of man

■ **Romans 8:34, 35**

who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

3) The work of God's Spirit in us will give us the power to confess Christ

■ **John 15:26**

When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me,

■ **Acts 1:8a**

but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses

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■ **1John 4:2**

By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;



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■ **Revelation 3:5**

"He who overcomes shall thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels."