

Lesson 12

Luke 12

Acknowledgement & Protection

1. Luke 12:2 refers to the Pharisees' words and deeds as leaven. Luke 12:1 refers to his apostles' words and deeds as leaven. What are the effects of each kind of leaven? (Luke 12:3)
2. In Luke 12:4-12, Jesus is predicting the suffering of future Christian martyrs, and advising them how to speak and act. Make a list of the do's and don'ts that Jesus advises for these martyrs.
3. Why do you think Jesus did not give a direct answer to the man who asked him to settle an inheritance dispute? (Luke 12:13-14)
4. In telling the parable of the rich man, what was Jesus teaching us about earthly possessions? (Luke 12:15-21)
5. In this discourse (Luke 12:22-31), it sounds as though Jesus is telling his disciples not to act like responsible adults, nor to plan for the future. Jesus implies that God will take care of all our needs. Do you believe that? If not, what is Jesus really saying to his disciples and to us?
6. Jesus gives advice about worrying? (Luke 12:29-31)
 - a. What is his advice?
 - b. Have you ever taken his advice?
7. Explain Jesus' wisdom statement: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"? (Luke 12:34)
8. "...Everyone to whom much is given, of him will much be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded." (Luke 12:48) How can you apply this statement to being a "good steward" for Christ? (Luke 12:35-38; 42-47)

Note: *In the Bible, fire is often used to describe God's burning love for people. Jesus came to bring an era of love and unity to the world, namely, the kingdom of God. Yet, he sees now that his life, his teachings, and his expectations of disciples are bringing more division than unity in families. (Luke 12:51-53)*

9. What do you think is going on in Jesus' mind and emotions at this time? (Luke 12:51-53)

Note: *To be a "hypocrite" originally meant to be an actor, to play a role, to wear a mask. As leaven permeates dough, the Pharisees' teaching exemplifies how they disastrously influence the crowds, especially when they fail to practice what they preach.*

10. Why do you think Jesus called the crowds following him "hypocrites"? (Luke 12:54-56)

If you want a challenge?

11. Why would blaspheming against the Holy Spirit be considered an unforgivable sin? (Luke 12:10)