



Luke 12:49-59
Pastor Ed Kemp

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, March 24
Sunday, March 27

Introduction

Referees, Judges, Coaches and Parents!

When He left there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile and to question Him closely on many subjects, ⁵⁴plotting against Him to catch *Him* in something He might say. 11:53-54

Under these circumstances...He began saying to His disciples 12:1

⁴⁹"I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!

⁵¹Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division; ⁵²for from now on five *members* in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three.

⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴And He was also saying to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming,' and so it turns out.

⁵⁵And 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?

⁵⁷"And why do you not even on your own initiative judge what is right? ⁵⁸For while you are going with your opponent to appear before the magistrate, on *your way there* make an effort to settle with him, so that he may not drag you before the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.

⁵⁹I say to you, you will not get out of there until you have paid the very last cent."

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SO WHAT?!

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Path #4. The Ascetics: Loving God in Solitude & Simplicity. I feel closest to God when I'm alone with nothing to distract me. My faith is internal not external.

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Path #7. The Enthusiasts: Loving God with Mystery & Celebration. I feel closest to God when celebrating engages my spiritual emotions. I love to lift my hands, move my feet and shout out His name. My heart swells with love.

Path #8. The Contemplatives: Loving God through Adoration. I feel closest to God when He quietly touches my heart, tells me He loves me, I'm His closest friend and I feel His presence.

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Which one are you and what are you going to do about it?
Who can you encourage because their path is not yours?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Jesus the Philosopher: Answers for Life

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Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: Did you ever compete in anything; sports, speech, Ag or home table games? Did you ever get angry at the refs or judges? How did you handle it?

Read out loud: Luke 12:49-59,

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Family Time: Try to identify which Path each one of your children are on and ask them about it. How does it make you feel? What's one thing can you do because of your unique pathway? To identify their path ask them what they love about church, school, and vacation.