

Luke 12:1-5 * all Scripture is New International Version (NIV)

¹ Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: "Be on your guard against the **yeast of the Pharisees**, which is hypocrisy. ² There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ³ What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs. ⁴ "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. ⁵ But I will show you whom you should fear: **Fear him** who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, **fear him**.



Big Truth:

Matthew 7:13-14

¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Luke 12:6-7

⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ⁷ Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. **Don't be afraid**; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Revelation 1:12-18 (NIV)

¹² I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "**Do not be afraid**. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Luke 12:8-9

⁸ "I tell you, whoever publicly **acknowledges me before others**, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. ⁹ But whoever **disowns me** before others will be disowned before the angels of God.

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Discussion Questions

Haunted by Fear Luke 12:1-9

1. **Read Luke 12:1.** What is the 'yeast' of hypocrisy in your own life? Why does that issue seem to be such a struggle for you?
2. Jesus clearly said that what we do in the dark will be made known to all. In your life, is that going to be a positive or negative experience? What do you need to change to make it a moment of rejoicing rather than regret?
3. In **Luke 12:5** Jesus reminds us that Hell is real and it is waiting for those who die without trusting in Him. What are some things that a person who lives like Hell is real, do? Are those things true in your life too?
4. Our culture badly wants to believe that Hell is not real. What is it about Hell that makes us think God would never send people there? How do you resolve the problem of God being both loving and just (think about our discussion about being a loving parent)?
5. In **Luke 12:8-9** Jesus tells us that acknowledging him on Earth will mean that he will acknowledge us in Heaven. What are some ways you acknowledge Jesus in your life daily? What are some ways you can do better in this area?
6. Share any '**aha**' moments in today's study - what you learned or how you were challenged. What does God want YOU to do with what we studied today?

* Share your prayer needs and **PRAY to the FATHER** together!

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