

Lesson 12

CHAPTER 12, DON'T JUST SIT THERE

Chapter 12 marks a turning point in the gospel of Luke. In the previous chapters, Jesus is going everywhere and teaching any and everyone. Now it is the last six months of his life. Jesus is making sure his disciples are equipped for what is ahead of them. As you read through this chapter, you will see a sense of urgency in its tone.

1. Read Luke 12:1-12. What is the definition of “the yeast of the Pharisees”? Do you think this is a problem in our churches today? How do we guard against hypocrisy?

2. How important is a public proclamation of Jesus as your savior? In verses 11-12, what are the advantages of acknowledgement of Jesus? The Holy Spirit can be our support, guide, and helper. What do you think it means to “blaspheme the Holy Spirit”? Can you give an example? Why do you think this is the unforgiveable sin? This is a, “What do you think question?” Don’t stress over it!

3. Read Luke 12:13-21. What is the warning in these verses? How do we become “rich toward God”? See also Luke 12:32-34. Compare these verses to Matthew 19:23-26.

4. What is another warning in verses 22-32? What is the answer to worry?

5. Read Luke 12:35-48. What does this parable encourage? The end of verse 48 has a warning. What have you been given by the Lord? What have you been entrusted with? How are you responding to that gift and trust?

6. The end of Luke 12 marks a change in Jesus' rhetoric. He is making it clear that to be his disciple means we are no longer a part of this world. We become kingdom dwellers which causes division. Have you experienced this in your life?

APPLICATION: The litmus test for being a true follower of Jesus is found in this chapter.

1. Acknowledge Jesus to others; practice what you preach (don't be a hypocrite).
 2. Be generous with what God has given you.
 3. Don't worry. God has you covered. Seek his kingdom above all and worry flies out the window.
 4. Be ready to move when God opens a door for you to step through and begin your kingdom work.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any area that needs tweaking

PRAYER: Holy Father, help us to walk in obedience to your will in all areas of our lives. Give us courage to proclaim you to those in our realm of life. May our hearts be on fire to give to others in your name because you have blessed all of us abundantly. Help us to trust in your provision for our lives because you love us. Give us eyes to see how you are working in our world today so that we can encourage those around us to trust completely in your love and sovereignty. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and King. Amen.