



Into: Beware hypocrisy! A lack of the fear of the Lord leads to a lack of integrity. Our confession must be confirmed by our life.

Luke 12:8-11

“Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. 9 But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.**10** “And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.**11** “Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. **12** For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

Vs.8 Confess Jesus

Romans 10:10 **“For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”**

It's not enough to simply believe. True belief is demonstrated by confession with the mouth and confession verified through a life lived in integrity and the fear of the Lord that Jesus just spoke of!

Vs. 9 Denial leads to denial

Galatians 6:7 **“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”**

There is no such thing as “private faith” Our faith is meant to be declared and lived out publicly. Not obnoxiously or combatively but publicly and unapologetically.

Romans 1:16 **“For I am not ashamed of the gospel [a]of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”**

Vs. 10 The “unforgivable sin”

Q: Why can one be forgiven for speaking against Christ but not be forgiven for blaspheming the Holy Spirit?

A: The Spirit testifies of Jesus, leading us to Jesus and revealing Him unto us. If we reject the work of the Holy Spirit we can never come to the point of repentance.

Vs. 11 Don't worry...Don't fear the wrong thing.

Worry = "merimnao" = don't be "anxious, troubled with cares, or seek to promote your own interests."

Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Seek His will to be done in your life. Develop a reverential respect, awe, & FEAR of the Lord which will facilitate a humble obedience and trust the leading of hls Spirit in your life.

Vs. 12 The Holy Spirit is The Guide, The Teacher

Jesus taught that He would send the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is...

The Helper - John 14:16

"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever."

The Spirit of Truth - John 14:17

"the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

The Teacher - John 14:26

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

The Testifier - John 15:26

"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me."

Conclusion: