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## Luke 12:1-21

<sup>1</sup> In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. <sup>2</sup> For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. <sup>3</sup> Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops. <sup>4</sup> And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. <sup>5</sup> But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. <sup>6</sup> Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? <sup>7</sup> But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>8</sup> Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: <sup>9</sup> But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God. <sup>10</sup> And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven. <sup>11</sup> And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: <sup>12</sup> For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

<sup>13</sup> And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. <sup>14</sup> And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? <sup>15</sup> And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. <sup>16</sup> And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: <sup>17</sup> And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? <sup>18</sup> And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. <sup>20</sup> But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? <sup>21</sup> So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

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Jesus is drawing ever bigger crowds and the Pharisees', and other religious leaders' hatred grows. Jesus has spoken truth to them but they refuse to listen being blinded and deafened by their greed, lust, and jealousy. It is here, with a crowd so large it says "they trode one upon another", that Jesus openly rebukes them calling them out for their hypocrisy. Jesus goes on to explain to all that

whatever you do, whenever you do it, or if anyone is there to see it or not, our deeds and words will be made manifest (brought into the light, uncovered, revealed).

**Rom 14:12** So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

**Psa 11:4** The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

In context, we are prone to shake a finger at the Pharisees and quickly criticize but Jesus warns us all to beware.

**1Co 10:12** Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

We're all prone to sin but by God's grace we will not fall. We can "do all things through Christ" (**Phil 4:13**). God "giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." **James 4:6**

In verses 4-5 Jesus calls out to those that will listen; He calls them friends. Jesus tells them not to be afraid but who would they be afraid of was it the Pharisees and lawyers that had prestige and power? Most likely it was, but it well could have been the Roman officials or soldiers. Regardless, the message is clear that we should not allow our fear of men overwhelm us to the point we disregard God. Peter and the other apostles told these same religious leaders, after being arrested and, charged not to preach in Jesus' name, "We ought to obey God rather than men." (**Acts 5:29**) Jesus then adds that God values them and knows them intimately. God knows us better than we know ourselves really and He cares more for us than anyone can. Isn't that comforting to know.

**1Pe 5:7** Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Jesus desires that we should know Him personally as well. He calls and we should hear his voice, heed His will, and confess Him before men. We should not deny that Christ is God in the flesh when speaking with others and we should not deny Him in our personal conduct. Christ came to save and calls out to the lost. Only those that have their spiritual eyes and ears open shall see and hear the truth. The religious leaders denied their Messiah and had him crucified. Remarkably Christ would forgive them but if they deny God's Holy Spirit who testifies that Jesus is truly God, they will blasphemed the Holy Spirit. They, along with other unbelievers, will then have no other way of salvation and be left unpardoned. We should also be part of calling others to the truth and when we testify, God will give us what to say.

Recorded in verses 13-21 A man confronts Jesus with a problem he is obviously troubled about. This is an issue that I've heard of several times dividing families and friends. The Bible tells us that the "love of money is the root of all evil" (**1Ti 6:10**). Christ get the man, and no doubt the listening crowd, to think on what is really important. Where will we go when we die? What really matters? Many times Jesus tells us not to follow after riches. We all would do well to set our sights on things above and not on things of earth. As with the man who torn down His barns to build bigger ones the labour was in

vain. Not that having material things are wrong but it certainly should not be the main focus, especially if we do not honour God, or turn a blind eye to those in need.

**1Jo 2:15-17** Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.



*As always I hope you enjoyed the lesson, may God bless you and your families. Please feel free to share it with others.*