

# Certainty... in a world of doubt

## The Gospel of Luke

desert breeze  
community church

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### Fearless Luke 12:1-12

Jesus was involved in a very serious verbal fight with some key religious leaders. As he tried to move on, the leaders pressed and provoked him to keep fighting so that they might catch him. Chaos erupted. In the midst of all this commotion, Jesus stops to share with His disciples some extremely important warnings and encouragements. May we take these to heart and apply them to our lives today.

1. Do not be a hypocrite (vs. 1-3) (Luke 11:40,44; Mt. 7:15; Gal. 6:14-15)

A hypocrite is someone who has a godless or unbelieving heart. The opposite of hypocrisy is genuine faith and sincere love from a pure heart. (Baker's Evangelical dictionary of Biblical Theology)

- A. It spreads
- B. It is inside
- C. It fails

2. Fear God (vs. 4-12) (Prov.14:26-27)

Most hypocrisy is driven by a fear of people. Fear of people is driven out by a healthy fear of God.

- A. Remembering the Fathers authority and care. (vs. 4-7)
- B. Trusting Jesus (vs. 8-9) (Jn. 14:1; 1 Jn. 2:23)
- C. Relying on the Holy Spirit (vs. 10-12)

What do my words and actions tell me about my allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ?

### Growing notes

Pray and have someone read Luke 12:1-3, then as a group do the three step Bible study below.

#### 1. Observation:

- Ask for a volunteer to retell the passage in his/her own words. Stick to the text, not to one's interpretation of the text.
- Ask the rest of the group to fill in any details that were overlooked.

#### 2. Interpretation:

- Ask, "What do we learn about God in this section?"
- Ask, "What do we learn about humanity/ourselves from the section?"

#### 3. Application:

- Ask, "How would your life change if you put what you learn in this passage into practice?" AND/OR "Who do you know that needs to hear this?"

Repeat the same 3 part process for Luke 12:4-12