

Jesus Magnified

Luke 12

Lesson 11

FIRST DAY: Read Luke 12

What is most important to you in life? For the majority of people this would be their reputation (self-image), their life (self-preservation), or their possessions. In stark contrast to these values, Jesus presented a greater priority: *But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you* (Luke 12:31).

The outwardly religious, worldly wise, and the unbeliever do not have the security of a Father in heaven. Jesus assured His listeners that our heavenly Father is so thoughtful that He even cares about the sparrows and clothes the fields with flowers. As you ponder Luke 12 this week, you will be warned of the dangers of wrong priorities, as well as comforted by the security that is yours when Jesus is your priority.

*Ask the Lord to help you receive the security of knowing you have
a Father in heaven who values you!*

SECOND DAY: Read Luke 12:1-12

1. In Luke 12:1 we see Jesus' popularity growing. What do you note about this *innumerable multitude of people*? Luke 12:1a

a. In response to this crowd, what did Jesus warn His disciples about? Luke 12:1b

(1) Why do you think *hypocrisy* is compared to *leaven*? See also Galatians 5:9.

2. David Guzik says, *The art of hypocrisy depends on concealment.*² How do Jesus' words expose the danger of this? Luke 12:2-3

a. Why is this such a danger for believers?

3. Proverbs 29:25 states that, *The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.* With this in mind, comment on Jesus' words:
 - a. *Do not be afraid* (Luke 12:4)
 - (1) Note how Jesus addressed the disciples in Luke 12:4a. How does this minister to you? See also John 15:15.
 - b. *Whom you should fear* (Luke 12:5)
 - (1) How does this affect your perspective?
4. Use Luke 12:6-7 to cite the assurance of God's care and love through the examples of:
 - a. *Sparrows*
 - b. *The very hairs of your head*
5. Jesus then spoke about the essentiality of confessing Him. Use Luke 12:8-12 to detail what Jesus said concerning the following:
 - a. Confessing Jesus (verse 8)
 - b. Denying Jesus (verse 9)
 - c. Blasphemy* (verse 10)

*To blaspheme *against the Holy Spirit* is to utterly and continually reject Jesus. See also John 3:36.
 - d. Testifying publicly (verses 11-12)

(1) How are you encouraged by this?

6. From your study today what comfort do you receive?

THIRD DAY: Read Luke 12:13–21

1. As Jesus spoke, *one from the crowd* interjected with a personal request. What did he ask Jesus to do? Luke 12:13

a. How did Jesus respond? Luke 12:14

b. What did Jesus identify as the peril in this situation? Luke 12:15a

(1) Why is this important to guard against? Luke 12:15b

(2) Link this with Colossians 3:5c and share your thoughts.

2. In light of this, Jesus *spoke a parable* to the people. Summarize this *parable* from Luke 12:16–20.

a. Use Luke 12:21 to record the main point of this *parable*.

(1) Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19 and note how a person can be *rich toward God*.

3. What is your takeaway from your study today?

FOURTH DAY: Read Luke 12:22-34

1. After addressing the issue of covetousness, Jesus turned to *His disciples* once more. What did He tell them *not* to do? Luke 12:22

a. Why were they *not* to do this? Luke 12:23

2. To make His point clear, Jesus gave various illustrations for the disciples to *consider*. Use Luke 12:24-28 to note and comment on why they were to *consider*:

a. The *ravens* (verse 24)

b. Their *stature* (verses 25-26)

c. The *lilies* (verses 27-28)

d. How is your perspective altered as you *consider* these things?

3. Use Luke 12:29-32 to answer the following:

a. What were the disciples *not* to do? (verse 29)

(1) Why were they *not* to do this? (verse 30)

(a) How does this comfort you? See also Philippians 4:19.

b. Rather, what were the disciples to *seek*? (verse 31a)

(1) Record the result of doing this. (verse 31b)

c. Therefore, why were they *not* to *fear*? (verse 32)

(1) Share a situation where these verses minister to you personally.

4. Read Luke 12:33 (NLT), *Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven never get old or develop holes. Your treasure will be safe; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it.* How does this speak to you about the things you *treasure*?

5. In your own words, record the truth Jesus stated in Luke 12:34.

6. Share a way your study today has spoken to you about:

a. Worry

b. Priorities

FIFTH DAY: Read Luke 12:35-48

1. As Jesus spoke about priorities, He used a *parable* to illustrate the importance of being ready for His return. Use Luke 12:35-48 to describe and comment on:
 - a. Faithful *servants* (verses 35-38, 42-44)
 - (1) Characteristics

 - (2) Blessings

 - b. *Master of the house* (verses 39-40)

 - c. Wicked *servants* (verses 45-48)
 - (1) Characteristics

 - (2) Punishment

2. What question did Peter pose to Jesus? Luke 12:41
 - a. Find His answer in Mark 13:37.

3. Share a way your study today has:
 - a. Warned you

 - b. Challenged you

SIXTH DAY: Read Luke 12:49–59

1. In Luke 12:49 Jesus spoke about the purifying *fire* of the Holy Spirit. What did He say about this?

2. Jesus then said, *I have a terrible baptism of suffering ahead of Me, and I am under a heavy burden until it is accomplished* (Luke 12:50, NLT). Use 1 Peter 3:18 to briefly describe the *suffering* Jesus anticipated.

3. In Luke 12:51 Jesus declared that He did not come to *give peace on earth*, but rather *division*. According to Luke 12:52–53, how would this be played out?
 - a. Although Jesus brought peace between God and man, the Gospel message often divides believers from unbelievers. Share a way you have observed this.

4. According to Luke 12:54–55, what were *the multitudes* able to deduce?
 - a. How did this deduction highlight their hypocrisy? Luke 12:56
 - (1) Jesus rebuked the Jews for their lack of understanding concerning prophecy that pointed to Him. Link this with Romans 9:4–5 to comment on the tragedy of this.

 - (2) How does Jesus' rebuke also apply to the *time* in which we live?

5. Jesus used the illustration of an earthly *judge* to emphasize the importance of making things right with the ultimate *judge*—God. Use Luke 12:57–59 to summarize Jesus' warning.

6. How did this week's lesson speak to you concerning:

a. Self-image

b. Self-preservation

c. Possessions

7. How was Jesus magnified through your study this week?