



Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Lesson 12 – Luke 12

People — Who is involved?

*An innumerable multitude.
A rich man who is foolish (in a parable).
Two servants (one faithful and one evil-parable)*

Places — Where does it happen?

Not stipulated... somewhere in Galilee.

Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?

- Vs. 1 – The word here (murias) stood for 10,000 or figuratively for an indeterminate numberless host. There were so many they were stepping on or trampling one another.
The “leaven of the Pharisees” is metaphorical referring to their influence.
Hypocrisy is “play-acting,” appearing to be something one is not. It speaks lies.*
- Vs. 5 – Whom should they fear? Jesus says the one who “has power to cast into hell.” Who is that? Some say it is God. That could be because only God has authority over one’s eternal destiny. Some say it is the devil. The devil’s evil influence certainly causes men to be cast into hell. Because Jesus says in v. 7 not to fear, perhaps he is ironically saying they should fear no one. Who had the authority to kill them and cast them into hell... No one, so don’t fear. Trust God.*
- Vs. 10 – See Matthew 12:31-32; Mark 3:28-30; and Luke 11:14-23 for background on this sin. Notice the use of “speak a word” seems to contrast with “blaspheme.” There seems to be more than just saying something negative about the Holy Spirit. Willful, permanent, defiant, and deliberate renunciation of the Holy Spirit and His words is unforgiveable because it rejects the only plan for human redemption and the only source of forgiveness.*
- Vs. 15 – “Covetousness” is greed, excessive desire to selfishly possess for oneself.*
- Vs. 17-19 – Notice how many times the 1st Person pronoun (I, my) is used in this man’s comments.*
- Vs. 25 – A cubit was approximately 18 inches – measured from elbow to tip of middle finger.*
- Vs. 35 – Jesus’ disciples were to beware of carelessness as well as overt sins.*
- Vs. 49 – “Fire” represents difficult trials, severe hardship, discord and division, and/or judgment.*
- Vs. 50 – Jesus’ baptism here metaphorically refers to his suffering and death.*
- Vs. 54 – The clouds, shower, and wind refer to coming judgment.*

Perspectives – What may I learn from this chapter?

- 1. We should be willing to confess Jesus before men and not reject God’s will.*
- 2. We should trust God, not holding on to worldly possessions or worrying about our needs.*
- 3. We should be vigilant and not careless as we continue our lives and wait for the Lord to come.*