**Warning: Hypocrisy Alert!**

Luke 12:1-12

**Luke 12:1 (ESV)**In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, He began to say to His disciples first, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

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**Luke 12:3 (ESV)**Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.

**Luke 12:4 (ESV)**“I tell you, My friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do.

**Luke 12:5 (ESV)**But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!

**Luke 12:6 (ESV)**Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God.

**Luke 12:7 (ESV)**Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

**Luke 12:8 (ESV)**“And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges Me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God,

**Luke 12:9 (ESV)**but the one who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

**Luke 12:10 (ESV)**And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

**Luke 12:11 (ESV)**And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say,

**Luke 12:12 (ESV)**for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

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1. **Hypocrisy Forgets that God Knows the Heart**

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**1 Corinthians 4:5 (ESV)**Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

1. **Hypocrisy Fears Man Instead of God**

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**Proverbs 29:25 (ESV)**The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.

**Psalm 33:8 (ESV)**Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

**Romans 8:32 (ESV)**He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

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**Luke 9:26 (ESV)**For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in His glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

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**John 3:36 (ESV)**Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.