

Instruction Concerning Hypocrisy

F. Instructions for the disciples on hypocrisy – Luke 12:1-12

1. Luke 12:1a – Evidently, these confrontations between Jesus and the Pharisees captivated the interest of thousands.
2. Luke 12:1b – Hypocrisy develops slowly and gradually but eventually permeates every thought just as leaven permeates bread.

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3. Luke 12:2-3 – Attempting to hide sins is short-sighted because all will be revealed in God's perfect timing.
4. Luke 12:4-5 – Jesus explained that men should not be feared but rather God who will judge them. All should respect Him.
Proverbs 16:6
5. Luke 12:6-7 – Though God is the Judge, He cares for His creation, even the seemingly worthless sparrow.

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6. Luke 12:8-9 – Denying Jesus indicates fear of man rather than respect for God.
7. Luke 12:10 – Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit was committed only by the generation of Jesus' day when they rejected the Messiah.

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8. Luke 12:11-12 – The persecution described by Jesus is most severe when men are tempted to fear man and deny God. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would provide strength to those who trust Him in tense and dangerous situations. Acts 4:5-12

PANORAMA OF THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Instructions and Conflict



Instruction Concerning Covetousness

G. Instructions for the disciples on covetousness – Luke 12:13-34

1. Luke 12:13 – Jesus was again interrupted, this time by a man who wanted Him to intervene on an inheritance matter.
2. Luke 12:14-15 – Jesus showed little concern about the legal matter but great concern about his attitude of greed.

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3. Luke 12:16-20 – Jesus emphasized the dangerous problem of greed through the parable of the self-centered rich man who stored up riches for himself.
4. Luke 12:21 – Since material possessions cannot be taken into eternity and we could die at any moment, we need to remain focused on eternal treasures.

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5. Luke 12:22 – Material possessions are not wrong, but we should not over-invest our time in these details of life.
6. Luke 12:23-24 – The key to defeating greed is to live life focused on the heavenly Father who loves and cares for us.
7. Luke 12:25-26 –Worry accomplishes nothing, but trusting the heavenly Father accomplishes much.

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8. Luke 12:27-28 – Since we are more valuable than flowers, we can rest assured that our Heavenly Father will supply our needs.
9. Luke 12:29-31 – Jesus emphasized that the priority of life is not gaining material possessions but the investment of our time in God's service. Ephesians 5:14-17

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10. Luke 12:32-33 – Jesus did not call for no ownership of private property, but rather He encouraged the extreme opposite of greed, total lack of love for the material. He emphasized letting go of greed.

11. Luke 12:34 – We can identify our motivations by examining where we spend our time and money.

About Being Faithful

H. Instructions for the disciples on faithful watchfulness – Luke 12:35-48

1. Luke 12:35-36 – Jesus used the imagery of a wedding feast to encourage us to always be prepared for His return at the Second Advent.
2. Luke 12:37-38 – Jesus continued emphasizing readiness for His return by connecting it to a master returning to find his servants faithfully doing his business.

About Being Faithful

3. Luke 12:39-40 – The timing of His return is unknown so we must always be ready.
4. Luke 12:41 – Peter was not sure to whom Jesus was talking.
5. Luke 12:42-48 – We must faithfully serve the Lord throughout each day since at the Second Advent, He will come as Judge to distribute rewards for faithfulness.

About Christ's Second Coming

I. Instructions on the Second Advent and signs of the times – Luke 12:49-59

1. Luke 12:49 – After the second advent Jesus will bring judgment on the earth.

Matthew 3:11

2. Luke 12:50 – Before judging the earth, Jesus had to be judged for the sins of the world.

About Christ's Second Coming

3. Luke 12:51-53 – The Gospel narratives show the inevitable division among men caused by the Person and work of Jesus Christ.
Matthew 10:34-36, John 7:43
4. Luke 12:54-56 – Before, Jesus had rebuked the religious leaders for their failure to discern their time, but now He rebuked the crowd for their lack of discernment.

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5. Luke 12:57-59 – Jesus explained that judgment awaited them if they did not change their thinking (repent) about Him as Messiah.

Pre-Day of the Lord Rapture



1 Thess. 4:16-17
 1 Cor. 15:50-52
 2 Thess. 2:7



Matt 24:30-31
 Rev. 19 11-16

Rapture of the Church

Daniel 9:26b-27

Revelation 20:11-15

1 Thess. 5:2-3
 2 Thess. 2:3b

2 Thess. 2:4
 Matt. 24:15



Matt 24:21

Daniel 12:11-12



Church Age



Great Trib
 Tribulation
 Daniel's 70th Week

75 day interval

Millennium
 Revelation 20:1-10

Day of the Lord

Joel 2:28-31

Joel 3:9-16

Joel 3:17-18

Times of the Gentiles (Luke 21:24)

Repent!

J. Instructions on repentance – Luke 13:1-9

1. Luke 13:1 – No historical accounts have yet been found that record this event, but Pilate was known for his cruel insensitivity toward the Jewish people.

Repent!

2. Luke 13:2 – By asking about the dead Galileans, Jesus focused on the Jews' false theology that taught that health and prosperity were signs of God's approval. He emphasized that, instead, they all deserved condemnation for their sins. Romans 5:12
3. Luke 13:3 – Jesus told them that they needed to change their thinking about Him (repent) as Messiah so they would not perish.

Repent!

4. Luke 13:4-5 – Jesus referred to another event, the dead in Siloam, to emphasize the foolishness of their thinking. No one deserves God's blessings.
5. Luke 13:6a – Jesus told this parable to emphasize that they deserved God's judgment and that He delayed judgment to give them time to repent. Romans 2:1-3

Repent!

6. Luke 13:6b – The parable taught that a fruit tree is grown and nurtured for the sole purpose of producing fruit.
7. Luke 13:7 – A tree that does not bear fruit is worthless and needs to be destroyed. Later, Jesus would illustrate this parable by cursing a fig tree. Mark 11:12-13
8. Luke 13:8 – The vinedresser wanted to wait while he nurtured the unproductive tree.

Repent!

9. Luke 13:9 – The delay in judgment was God's mercy in allowing additional time for fruit production, but if the tree again produced no fruit, He brought judgment.

Israel's Need

K. Instructions on Israel's need to believe – Luke 13:10-21

1. Luke 13:10 – Another Sabbath day healing gave the people another opportunity to choose between Truth and tradition.
2. Luke 13:11-13 – Satan had caused this woman's illness. Jesus instantly healed her.
3. Luke 13:14 – The synagogue official angrily denounced this miracle because Jesus healed her on the Sabbath.

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4. Luke 13:15-16 – Jesus explained that acts of mercy and necessity in no way violated God's Sabbath Law.
5. Luke 13:17 – Luke did not record that Jesus taught in a synagogue after this rebuke.
6. Luke 13:18-21 – Jesus' comparisons of the Kingdom to a mustard seed and leaven are similar to His teachings in Matthew 13:31-33 and Mark 4:30-32. (See those notes.)