

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when you tried to “cover up” something you did, only to find it was discovered.

2. How can fear influence our decisions?

3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about our relationship to the Holy Spirit:
 - a) II Corinthians 1:22
 - b) Galatians 5:16
 - c) Ephesians 4:30
 - d) I Thessalonians 5:19
 - e) Titus 3:5
 - f) I Peter 4:14
 - g) Jude 1:20

4. Why does a believer not have to worry about committing the sin of blaspheming the Holy Spirit?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - I am going to find another believer with whom I can honestly share those areas in which I am struggling and who will pray for me.
 - I am going to going to make my faith known to a friend or family member this week.
 - I am going to memorize Galatians 5:16.

Cornerstone Church
Luke 12:1-12

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Study Series #055

The Cure for Hypocrisy

I. Introduction

A. The Lighthouse of Alexandria

B. The Crowds

(See Luke 12:1; Luke 11:15-16; Luke 11:37-54; Luke 19:3; Mark 1:32-34; Luke 5:15)

C. The Warning

(See Luke 12:1; Deuteronomy 16:3; Exodus 12:8; Exodus 29:2; Numbers 9:11; I Corinthians 5:6-8; Galatians 5:9; Matthew 16:6-12; Mark 8:15; Acts 23:8)

II. The Cure for Hypocrisy

A. Recognize the Myth of Secrecy

(See Luke 12:2-3; Matthew 10:26-27; Hebrews 4:13; Exodus 2:11-15; Joshua 7:1-26; Numbers 32:23; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Romans 2:16; I Corinthians 4:5)

Passage of Study
Luke 12:1-12

B. Know Who to Fear

(See Luke 12:4-5; Matthew 10:28; Mark 11:32; Luke 22:2; Proverbs 29:25; Job 28:28; Proverbs 1:7; Proverbs 8:13; Proverbs 10:27; Proverbs 14:26-27)

C. Understand Your Value to God

(See Luke 12:6-7; Matthew 10:29-31; Psalm 139:14; Genesis 1:27; I John 3:2)

D. Make Your Faith Known

(See Luke 12:8-9; Matthew 10:32-33; John 1:14; Proverbs 25:26)

E. Submit to the Holy Spirit

(See Luke 12:10-12; Matthew 10:17-20; Matthew 12:31-32; Mark 3:28-30; John 3:36)

¹ Under these circumstances, after so many thousands of people had gathered together that they were stepping on one another, He began saying to His disciples first *of all*, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

² But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed and hidden that will not be known. ³ Accordingly, whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms will be proclaimed upon the housetops.

⁴ “I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. ⁵ But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!

⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two cents? *Yet* not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷ Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

⁸ “And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God; ⁹ but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

¹⁰ And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him. ¹¹ When they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not worry about how or what you are to speak in your defense, or what you are to say; ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

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