

“KNOW YOUR STRATEGY”

Luke 12:1-12 - Pastor Bruce French

What can we expect when we speak out for Christ?

1. Every godly _____ has a great _____.

Luke 12:2-3

Action...

- _____ what you _____.

2. Every outspoken _____ has supernatural

_____. Luke 12:4-7

Action...

- _____ what you _____.

3. Every courageous _____ has divine

_____.

Luke 12:8-12

Action...

- _____ what you _____.

Take Home Truth

Real _____ gets _____ help.

Today's Core Practice:

Give Away my Faith: I give away my faith to fulfill God's purposes. *(from Ephesians 6:19-20)*

Today's Action:

Write out your testimony this week and pray for an opportunity to share your story of faith.



Deeper Connection Study

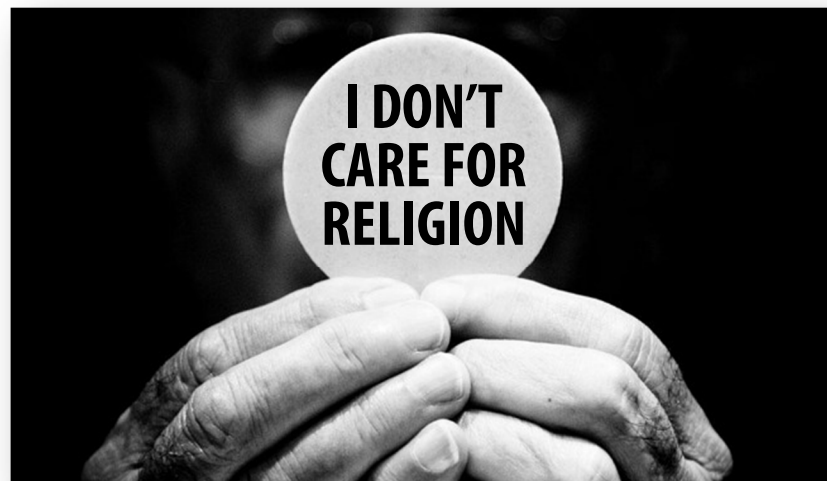
This next section is a loose collection of Jesus' sayings to his disciples. Jesus reiterates his call to genuine and committed discipleship and its marked difference with that of the religious leaders of his day.

Today's Core Practice discussed: Giving Away My Faith.

Read Luke 12:1-12

1. What is the "yeast [leaven] of the Pharisees" and why does Jesus warn his disciples about it (v. 1)?
2. Who should Christians fear and not fear (vv. 4-5)? In other words, what are the different contexts of fear?
3. How is Jesus emphasizing the importance of people acknowledging him (vv. 8-12)? What is he saying about fearlessly confessing Christ?
4. What does it mean to "blaspheme against the Holy Spirit" (v. 10; see Lev. 24:16)? How can a Christian be assured this hasn't happened to them?
5. How prone are you to fearing people instead of fearing God? How do you seek affirmation or validation from people rather than from God?
6. How can you grow as a disciple of integrity and avoid hypocrisy while also boldly declaring your faith in Christ?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for the example of Jesus! Ask God to help you look to Christ and pursue your calling without distraction. Pray for boldness to confess Christ and share his gospel of salvation with others.



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Continuing in our new series "I Don't Care for Religion," we will witness Jesus shifting his attention from the religious leaders to his disciples. His introductory statement was, "Be on guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy," (Lk. 12:1). This warning predicated a charge to be transparent about their faith and devotion to Christ. Boldly, he warned them that, if they acted like Christians only when they were around other believers, but pretended to be something different when they were with the people of the world, there would be undesirable consequences. Jesus assured them that if that happened he would not acknowledge them before his Heavenly Father.

How do you behave when you are among associates, or friends who are not Christ-followers? Are you quiet about your faith? Do you mention on Monday that you went to church on Sunday? Or do you remain silent when the topic of religion and God surface? As we will see, Jesus expects all of his disciples to speak out about their relationship with him, and when they do, they will be rewarded in eternal and lasting ways.

