



1. Fear \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1)

**Luke 12:1** 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.

**2** Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

2. Often \_\_\_\_\_ (v.2)

**3** 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. (ESV)

3. Do \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.*

1. Read **Matthew 13:24-30**. Before we each assume we are truly one of "his disciples" (those addressed by Jesus in Luke 12:1) we must be sure that we are not among the phonies whose duplicitous patterns we're warned of. Are you certain you are the "wheat" in this Matthew 13 parable? How do you know?
2. Read **Luke 12:1**. Why does it make good sense that Jesus warns his disciples against mimicking the Pharisees' hypocrisy at a time when the crowds coming to hear him were growing so large? What are the pressures that heighten your temptation to be spiritually fake?
3. Read **Ecclesiastes 12:14** and **1 Peter 1:14-17**. How would you explain to someone the distinction between this proper and biblical Christian fear, in contrast to the fear of the Great White Throne judgment of the unsaved (1Jn.4:18; Rev.20:11-15) and the fear of eternal condemnation (Rom.8:1)?
4. Read **1 Samuel 3:10-14**. Why are permissive parents such a disservice to their children, and a hindrance to them growing up to be thoughtful Christians who rightly prepare for the Bema Seat Judgment (2Cor.5:10) and understand God's discipline of his children (Heb.12:4-11)?
5. Read **Proverbs 15:3** and **Hebrews 4:13**. How can you keep this simple yet life-changing truth in your conscious thoughts more often?

## *This Week's Bible Reading Schedule*

### **November 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Jer.49-50 & Heb.5*

### **November 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Jer.51-52 & Heb.6*

### **November 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Lam.1-2 & Heb.7*

### **November 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Lam.3-5 & Heb.8*

### **November 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Ezk.1-3 & Heb.9*

### **November 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Ezk.4-6 & Heb.10:1-23*

### **November 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Ezk.7-9 & Heb.10:24-39*

### **November 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Ezk.10-12 & Heb.11:1-19*

*The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).*

Msg. 14-05 – **The Practical Value of Integrity**

Msg. 08-35 – **Learning to Hate Hypocrisy**

Msg. 12-15 – **A Map for Mountain Climbers**

Msg. 11-35 – **Keeping a Clear Conscience**

Msg. 11-31 – **Sorting Out God's Orders from Our Opinions**

Msg. 02-03 – **Avoiding the Enemy's Evangelistic Sabotage**

Msg. 07-77 – **Sorting Out the End Times: The Resurrections & Judgments**

## *This Week's Social Media Hashtag*

**#FEARandfears**

*For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.*

*Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.*

Adams, Jay. **Godliness Through Discipline**. P & R Publishing, 1983.

Archer, Clint. **The Preacher's Payday: How Faithfulness Echoes in Eternity**. Day One Publications, 2012.

Embry, Adam. **An Honest and Well-Experienced Heart: The Piety of John Flavel**. Reformation Heritage Books, 2013.

Erickson, Millard, ed. **Reclaiming the Center: Confronting Evangelical Accommodation**. Crossway, 2004.

Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century**. Baker Books, 1996.

Lutzer, Erwin. **Your Eternal Reward: Triumph and Tears at the Judgment Seat of Christ**. Moody Press, 1998.

MacArthur, John. **The Power of Integrity: Building a Life Without Compromise**. Crossway Books, 1997.

Packer, J. I. **Faithfulness & Holiness: The Witness of J.C. Ryle**. Crossway, 2002.

Piper, John. **The Roots of Endurance: Perseverance in the Lives of Newton, Simeon & Wilberforce**. Crossway, 2006.

Ryle, J. C. **Holiness: Its Nature, Hindrances, Difficulties and Roots**. Reprint. Charles Nolan Publishers, 2001.

Spurgeon, Charles. **A Passion for Holiness in a Believer's Life**. YWAM Publishing, 1996.

Thomas, Derek W. H. and R. Carlton Wynne, eds. **Zeal for Godliness: Devotional Meditations**. EP Books, 2012.

Venning, Ralph. **The Sinfulness of Sin**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1997.

Watson, Thomas. **The Great Gain of Godliness**. CreateSpace Publishers, 2013.

Wiersbe, Warren. **The Integrity Crisis**. Thomas Nelson, 1988.