

Luke 12:1-12

Pressure – Packed Living

Context Israel illogically rejected Christ. 11:14-36  
Israel's so-called "spiritual" leaders were spiritually deceptive and dangerous.  
11:37-41

(How are the disciples going to handle these false teachers? Should they flee if the pressure gets too intense? How can they minister to the people under these circumstances?)

Message To make a positive impact in a society that is antagonistic toward Christ:

- I. Make sure that your own actions and words are not hypocritical! 12:1-3
  - A. A hypocrite is a person who has mastered the art of keeping some things concealed. (12:1)
  - B. You can be assured that actions based on false motives and words formed in half-truths will be examined by God. (12:2-3)
- II. Allow your physical safety to rest in the hands of God the Father! 12:4-7
  - A. God alone is sovereign – nothing comes to the believer's life without His permission – therefore, reverence Him. (12:4-5)
  - B. God is your Father – He cares about you, even the insignificant details of your life. (12:6-7)
- III. Identify with and speak out for Christ in public! 12:8-12
  - A. There is no excuse for being too embarrassed (or fearful) to identify yourself as a believer in Christ. (12:8-9)
  - B. Remember the catastrophe of Israel's sin – they rejected Christ and it was spiritually devastating. (12:10)
  - C. Unashamedly speak out for Christ in pressure situations – the Third Person of the Trinity will be there with you. (12:11-12)