

# Luke

## Lecture 14: Chapter 12:1-53

### 12:1-12 – Warnings and encouragements

*thousands had gathered* – so many that the crowd is a danger  
*speak first to his disciples* – to those who follow Jesus  
*concealed...disclosed...hidden...made known* – justice will reign; a caution to us, too  
*what you have whispered...will be proclaimed* – an encouragement? Yes!  
*those who can kill the body* – our focus is often only on “this-world” / there’s more...  
*fear him* – God alone... awe & respect, yet also find comfort in Him  
*Don’t be afraid; you are worth more* – Someone cares about you!  
*before the angels of God* – reminds us of (1) spiritual side of life (2) Judgment Day  
*blasphemes...the Holy Spirit* – a rejection of God’s grace (cf. Acts 7:51)  
*defend yourselves...the Holy Spirit will teach you* – cf. Peter, John, Steven (Acts 4:8; 6:10)

### 12:13-21 – The parable of the rich fool

*Teacher, tell my brother...* – telling Jesus what to do (do we do this, too?)  
*he told them this parable* – Jesus uses the opportunity to teach about greed / priorities  
*God said to him, “You fool!”* – what the world calls “a success” is a “fool” in God’s sight!  
*this very night your life will be demanded* – in what do we place our trust? (U. S. money)

An application: Jesus is not condemning riches, He is rather condemning a wrong \_\_\_\_\_ toward riches that makes them the most important thing in life. He warns us against \_\_\_\_\_ and the failure to use riches properly.

### 12:22-34 – Do not worry

*Do not worry about your life* – a follow-up to the parable of the rich fool  
*consider the ravens* – the opposite of the rich man  
*seek his kingdom...* - and God will take care of the rest; a matter of priorities  
*Do not be afraid, little flock...give you the kingdom* – such knowledge changes attitudes  
*Sell your possessions and give to the poor* – Whaaat? I was so comforted, now I’m not!  
*Where your treasure is...your heart will be also* – still the same context of priorities / trust

An application: The attitude that Jesus upholds is one of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the heavenly Father. This is the very opposite of the pagan world, which runs after food, drink, and clothing for fear of not having enough. Jesus says that \_\_\_\_\_ knows what we truly need.

### 11:35-48 – Watchfulness

*Be dressed ready for service* – “gird up your loins” / Faith & Word (Col. 3:16)  
*Peter asked...are you telling this...to us* – do we distance ourselves from His teaching? !!!  
*entrusted with much, much more will be asked* – caution for leaders (church members,too?)

### 12:49-53 – Not peace but division

*I have a baptism to undergo* – coming death/hell on the cross (cf. Rom. 6:4)  
*bring peace on earth? No...division* – God offers peace in Christ, but it’s refused  
...true vs. false / good vs. evil / right vs. wrong / App: expect a “bumpy ride”!