

Should You Fear God? Kingdom Principles – Part 1

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Luke 4:43 (ESV) but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.”

John 3:3 (ESV) Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Proverbs 1:7 (ESV) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

1. Fear God _____

Luke 12:1b-2 (ESV) ... he began to say to his disciples first, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.”

Luke 12:4-5 (ESV) “I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!”

Luke 12:6-7 (ESV) Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

2. _____ witness for Jesus

Luke 12:8-9 (ESV) “And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God.”

Luke 12:10 (ESV) And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

Luke 12:11-12 (ESV) And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

3. Layup _____ in heaven

Luke 12:13,15 (ESV) Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ... And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

Luke 12:16-17 (ESV) And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’”

Luke 12:18-19 (ESV) And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’

Luke 12:20-21 (ESV) But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

Weekly Healing Scripture

John 15:7 (ESV) If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

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Intro. How would you describe the kingdom of God (Luke 4:43)?

Why must a person be born again before they can see the kingdom of God (John 3:3)?

Do you think most people today fear God? Why or why not?

What does Proverbs 1:7 tell us about the fear of the Lord?

1A. What does Jesus tell us about the judgement in Luke 12:1-2?

1B. What reason did Jesus give His disciples to fear God (Luke 12:4-5)?

1C. Why did Jesus tell His disciples to fear in Luke 12:4-5 and then tells them to fear not in Luke 12:6-7?

1D. Why do many people have their fears backwards? That is, they do not really fear God, yet they fear and worry about all kinds of things in life.

2A. How should the fear of God's judgement in Luke 12:8-9 impact the witness of a believer?

2B. Why can the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit not be forgiven (Luke 12:10)?

2C. What promise does Jesus give that should eliminate fear of witnessing (Luke 12:11-12)?

2D. Why are many believers afraid of being a witness for Jesus? How can that fear be overcome?

3A. In what ways is accumulating wealth and possessions an indicator of fear (Luke 12:13,15)?

3B. What problems do we see with the rich man that Jesus begins to tell us about in Luke 12:16-17?

3C. What does Luke 12:18-19 tell us about where the rich man's faith was?

3D. What type of fear causes a person to lay up treasure for themselves?

3E. How can the fear of the Lord help us to lay up treasure in heaven?