

The Gospel of **LUKE**



Chapter 12:1-21
Unhealthy Fears

Luke 12

¹ Meanwhile, the crowds grew until thousands were milling about and stepping on each other. Jesus turned first to his disciples and warned them, “Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees—their hypocrisy.” ² The time is coming when everything that is covered up will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all.

Luke 12

³ Whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be shouted from the housetops for all to hear!

**WE MUSTN'T FEAR REVEALING OUR
TRUE SELVES**



Jeremiah 5

31 The prophets give false prophecies, and the priests rule with an iron hand. Worse yet, my people love it that way! But what will you do when the end comes?

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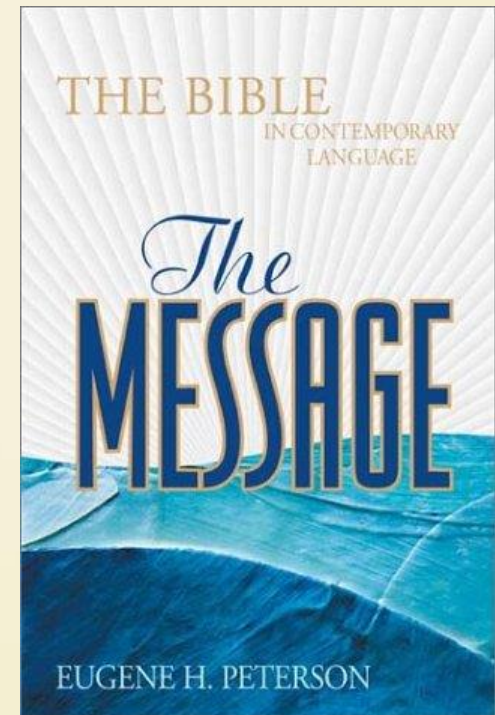


Luke 12

4 “Dear friends, don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot do any more to you after that. ⁵ But I’ll tell you whom to fear. Fear God, who has the power to kill you and then throw you into [Gehenna] hell. Yes, he’s the one to fear.

Luke 12

Don't be bluffed into silence or insincerity by the threats of religious bullies. True, they can kill you, but then what can they do? There's nothing they can do to your soul, your core being. Save your fear for God, who holds your entire life—body and soul—in his hands.



WE MUSTN'T FEAR HUMAN RETRIBUTION



Luke 12

⁶ “What is the price of five sparrows—two copper coins? Yet God does not forget a single one of them. ⁷ And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.

**WE MUSTN'T FEAR THAT WE
ARE WORTHLESS**



Luke 12

⁸ “I tell you the truth, everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, the Son of Man will also acknowledge in the presence of God’s angels. ⁹ But anyone who denies me here on earth will be denied before God’s angels. ¹⁰ Anyone who speaks against the Son of Man can be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven

**WE MUSTN'T BE AFRAID TO OPENLY
DECLARE OUR ALLEGIANCE TO CHRIST**



Luke 12

¹¹ “And when you are brought to trial in the synagogues and before rulers and authorities, don’t worry about how to defend yourself or what to say, ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what needs to be said.”

WE MUSTN'T BE AFRAID ABOUT WHAT TO SAY



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