

**The Gospel Class – Part 4
Becoming a Fearless Witness
Luke 12:1-12**

Luke 11:17-54

Five divine lessons for fearless (faithful) witnessing:

1. DON'T FEAR HYPOCRITES, FEAR HYPOCRISY (vv. 1-3)

Romans 2:16
Psalm 139:12
Hebrews 4:13
Proverbs 28:13

2. DON'T FEAR THE THREAT OF MAN, FEAR THE THREAT OF GOD (vv. 4-7)

Charles Spurgeon:

Oh, my brothers and sisters in Christ, if sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies; and if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay, and not madly to destroy themselves. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.

Jonathan Edwards:

If we could speak with them, and inquire of them, one by one, whether they expected, when alive, and when they used to hear about hell, ever to be the subjects of misery: we doubtless, should hear one and another reply, "No, I never intended to come here: I had laid out matters otherwise in my mind; I thought I should contrive well for myself — I thought my scheme good. I intended to take effectual care; but it came upon me unexpected; I did not look for it at that time, and in that manner; it came as a thief — Death outwitted me: God's wrath was too quick for me. Oh, my cursed foolishness! I was flattering myself, and pleasing myself with vain dreams of what I would do hereafter; and when I was saying, 'Peace and safety,' then sudden destruction came upon me."

3. DON'T FEAR CONFESSING CHRIST, FEAR DENYING CHRIST (vv. 8-9)

Mark 8: 38

4. DON'T FEAR MOMENTARY WEAKNESS, FEAR PERMANENT REJECTION (vv. 10)

Matthew 12:31–32
Mark 3:28–29

5. DON'T FEAR SHARING THE TRUTH, FEAR BEING IGNORANT OF THE TRUTH (vv. 11-12)