Valuable Advice

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Luke 12:1-13 Verse #1. In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

In the verses before us this morning we see some VALUABLE ADVICE, our Lord tells us to BE AWARE OF SOMETHING, and second He tells us to BE NOT AFRAID OF SOMETHING, and third He tells us to BE NOT ASHAMED OF SOMETHING.. Three times our Lord gives us ADVICE in the 13 verses we will be looking at today.

The first thing our Lord gives us ADVICE ABOUT IS:

1. THEIR PRETENSE. (“A Warning About Hypocrisy”)= be aware

Luke 12:1-3 In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

(A). THE EXAMPLE OF HYPOCRISY.

Luke 12:1 “Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.”
Outward show had become more important to them than the heart; the external had become reality to them.

Ps 139:1-4 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

(B). THE EXPOSURE OF HYPOCRISY.

Luke 12:2-3 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

Eccl 12:14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil

Rom 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

II. HIS PROVIDENCE. ("A Word About His Help")= be not afraid

Luke 12:4-7 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

(A). WE NOTICE GOD’S CARE.

Luke 12:4 ......”Be not afraid of them that kill the body.......”
Luke 12:7 ..... “Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.....”

God does not want us to be afraid, filled with ANXIETY, WORRY FEAR, DREAD, FRIGHT, ALARM, PANIC, TERROR.

(B). WE NOTICE GOD’S concern.

Luke 12:5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Prov 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Eccl 8:12 Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:

Eccl 12:13-14 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

III. OUR PROFESSION. (“A Way Of Hope”) = be not ashamed

Luke 12:8-10 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God. And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.

(A). WE ARE TO DECLARE THE SON.

Luke 12:8-9 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

(B). WE ARE TO DEPEND ON THE SPIRIT.

Luke 12:12 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven. And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: For THE HOLY GHOST SHALL TEACH YOU IN THE SAME HOUR WHAT YE
OUGHT TO SAY.