

Grace Bible Chapel

Luke – Message #109

Sunday, February 1st, 2026

Luke 12:1-3 –Beware the Leaven! The Dangers & Folly of Hypocrisy

- V. **Jesus’ Journey Toward Jerusalem** (9:51-19:27)
 - a. **Ministry in Samaria, Bethany, and Judea** (9:51-13:35)
 - xx. [...]
 - xxi. The Lamp, the Lens, the Lie, and the Light (33-36)
 - xxii. The Rot & Ruin of False Light – Pts I & II (37-54)
 - xxiii. **Preparing for Persecution: Beware the Leaven!** (12:1-3)

Key Passage: Luke 12:1b,
 “[Jesus] began saying to His disciples first of all, ‘*Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.*’”

Introduction: _____

I. **The Context – Preparing for Persecution:** (v.1a) _____

II. **What Hypocrisy Is:** (v.1b – 1 Jn 1:8) _____

III. **How Hypocrisy Thrives:** (vv.2-3 – Mt 6:6, 23:27-28; Jn 16:13; 1 Jn 1:6-7) _____

IV. **Why Hypocrisy Cannot Survive:** (vv.2-3 – Ps 32:3-5; Prv 28:13; Lk 6:46-49; Num 32:23) _____

Conclusion: _____

Reflection Questions:

1. Where am I most tempted to manage appearances rather than walk in honesty – speech, motives, money, purity, relationships, ministry?
2. Do I have any "inner-room" areas that I protect from the light of God's Word? Things I explain away, conceal, or refuse to confess?
3. When pressure from the world to compromise or diminish my testimony of Christ arises, do I drift toward concealment, or toward Christlike boldness and integrity?
4. Who actually knows me well enough to ask hard questions, and do I welcome that as God's mercy, or resist it as a threat?

Heart Check:

- Proud hypocrisy hides in darkness and lives on image, while humble discipleship walks in the light and lives on truth. Where am I currently protecting an image instead of confessing sin, trusting Christ, and walking openly before God?

*"Hypocrisy can plunge the mind of a man into a dark abyss,
when he believes his own self-flattery instead of God's verdict." John Calvin*