

The Urgency of Authenticity

Luke 11:37-12:12

Main Idea: Missional Christians must be on a constant lookout for evidences of hypocrisy in their lives and live with authenticity. In this passage, Jesus begins with two egregious examples of hypocrisy and then teaches his disciples in light of them.

- 1. 1ST NEGATIVE EXAMPLE – The Pharisees engage in appearance management. *Luke 11:37-44***
 - A. The setting – Jesus commits a religious “faux-pas” at the home of a Pharisee. 11:37-38
 - B. The critique – Pharisees look good on the outside, but they are evil on the inside.
 - C. The result – They spread spiritual death and uncleanness. 11:44

- 2. 2ND NEGATIVE EXAMPLE – The lawyers passively prevent people from knowing God. *Luke 11:45-54***
 - A. The setting – Jesus commits a social “faux-pas” at the home of the Pharisee. 11:45
 - B. The critique – Lawyers de-motivate people from knowing God. 11:46, 52
 - C. Result – Both the Pharisees and the lawyers plot against Jesus. 11:53-54

- 3. THE CHALLENGE – Jesus teaches his disciples about the urgency of being an authentic representative of Christ. *Luke 12:1-12***
 - A. *Command* – Do not be a pretender in order to receive the praise of human beings. 12:1a
 - B. *First reason* – We shouldn’t cover up because of the Judgment Seat of Christ. 12:2-3
 - C. *Second reason* – We don’t need to cover up because we can trust in God’s loving care. 12:4-7
 - D. *Third reason* – We shouldn’t cover up so that we are an example for new believers. 12:8-10
 - E. *Fourth reason* – We don’t need to cover up because God will give us the words to say. 12:11-12