

# **Studies in the Life of Christ**

## **NT Survey Lesson 27--Luke 12**

**Introduction:** As the conflict with the Pharisees continued, Jesus continued to prepare His disciples for the future by teaching them the principles of sincerity and courage. An interruption in His teaching occasioned the story of the rich fool. Finally Jesus teaches the importance of readiness and wise stewardship of our opportunities and blessings.

**Lesson aim:** To emphasize the need to trust in care rather than in riches.

### **Assurances of God's protection and care--Luke 12:1-12**

1. What was the leaven of the Pharisees?
2. What did Jesus say would happen that should encourage us to be sincere?
3. Sometimes hypocrisy is the manifestation of fear of the disapproval of others. List the points Jesus makes to help us overcome this fear.
4. What is the state of the man who blasphemes the Spirit?
5. What promise did Jesus give His disciples concerning their being brought before rulers, etc.?

### **Parable of the rich fool--Luke 12:13-21**

1. What dispute did a man want Jesus to settle? How did Jesus respond? What warning did He give?
2. How was the rich man of Jesus' parable foolish?
3. What is the difference between laying up treasure for oneself and being rich toward God?

### **Encouragement to trust God to provide our needs--Luke 12:22-34**

1. Review the points that Jesus makes to encourage us to trust God to provide our needs.
2. What does Jesus mean, "Sell your possession and give to charity"?

3. How do we make purses that never wear out?
4. Where did Jesus say our heart would be?

### **Encouragement to be ready--Luke 12:35-48**

1. What principle is Jesus teaching in this section?
2. Would the disciples at this time have understood the idea of the Lord's second coming? Did they still need the teaching?
3. What was Peter's question?
4. Did Jesus answer it? How?
5. What is the point of the parable about the slaves or stewards?

### **Christ divides men--Luke 12:49-53**

1. What did Jesus mean, "I have come to cast fire upon the earth"?
2. What is the baptism of which Jesus speaks?
3. If Christ came to bring peace, how can He say here that He brings a sword?

### **A rebuke for the multitudes--Luke 12:45-59**

1. How did Jesus show that the multitudes were more knowledgeable about the weather than the will of God?
2. Did they really need someone to tell them right and wrong about everything?
3. In what matter did Jesus illustrate how common sense ought to lead us to do the right thing?