

## Luke 12:1-34 Treasures of the Kingdom

Yeshua's Ministry focus was consistently on teaching His Disciples about the Kingdom of YeHoVaH in the midst of the company of thousands of people following Him. In this portion of Luke, the treasures of the Kingdom are the subject of Yeshua's teaching as He warns His Disciples about the hidden leaven and secret teachings of the Pharisees.

Kingdom Treasures abound in Yeshua's messages. In this teaching, we will uncover several Treasures of the Kingdom that Yeshua reveals to His Disciples from the provisions of YeHoVaH, to the work of the Holy Spirit, and the dos and don'ts of Ministry.

Yeshua gives examples of the Treasures of the Kingdom using parabolic teaching as He secretly reveals the most valuable Kingdom Treasure of all!

The Kingdom Treasures revealed in this portion of Luke are:

- **YeHoVaH:** The King of the Kingdom – The ultimate Kingdom Treasure
- **Yeshua:** A Kingdom Treasure
- **The Holy Spirit:** A Kingdom Treasure
- **Provisions:** A Kingdom Treasure
- **Faith:** A Kingdom Treasure
- And **More...**

Lk 12:1 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 midst of the multitude of people, Yeshua spoke to His Disciples to beware of the teachings of the other religious teachers.

Leaven in this passage is used metaphorically, not literally. Yeshua explained in Matthew:

Mt 16:11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake *it* not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?

Mt 16:12 Then understood they how that he bade *them* not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the **doctrine** of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Hypocrisy - **5272 ὑπόκρισις** hupokrisis {hoop-ok'-ree-sis}

**Meaning:** 1) an answering 2) an answer 3) the acting of a stage player 4) dissimulation, hypocrisy

**Usage:** AV - hypocrisy 5, dissimulation 1, condemnation 1; 7

The Pharisees claimed to have secret knowledge and to understand the hidden mysteries of YeHoVaH that were hidden from the simple folks. They supposedly understood the different mystical levels of interpretations.

Lk 12:2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

Lk 12:3 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.

Lk 12:4 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.

Do not be afraid of them! **Fear YeHoVaH.**

**Yeshua knew that the people were being threatened to be put out of the synagogues and killed.**

Jn 16:1 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.

Jn 16:2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

### **YeHoVaH: The King of the Kingdom – The ultimate Kingdom Treasure**

Lk 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.

Lk 12:6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

Lk 12:7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

### **Yeshua: A Kingdom Treasure**

Lk 12:8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:

Lk 12:9 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

### **The Holy Spirit: A Kingdom Treasure**

Lk 12:10 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.

Lk 12:11 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:

Lk 12:12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

### **Avoid Covetousness**

Lk 12:13 And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

Lk 12:14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

Yeshua spoke to the heart of the one who wanted the inheritance divided. He described it as covetousness.

Lk 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

Covetousness – **4124 πλεονεξία** pleonexia {pleh-on-ex-ee'-ah}

**Meaning:** 1) greedy desire to have more, covetousness, avarice

**Origin:** from 4123; TDNT - 6:266,864; n f

**Usage:** AV - covetousness 8, greediness 1,

Lk 12:16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

Lk 12:17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

Lk 12:18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

Lk 12:19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, *and* be merry.

Lk 12:20 But God said unto him, *Thou* fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

Don't focus on wealth and riches, focus on the one who supplies wealth and riches.

Lk 12:21 So *is* he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is **not rich toward God**.

YeHoVaH was not speaking against wealth or riches, but against putting wealth or riches before YeHoVaH. **YeHoVaH provides wealth and riches to establish His Covenant.**

Dt 8:18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for ***it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth***, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.

### Provisions: A Kingdom Treasure

Lk 12:22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

Lk 12:23 The life is more than meat, and the body *is more* than raiment.

Lk 12:24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

Lk 12:25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? of these.

Lk 12:26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?

Lk 12:27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

### Faith: A Kingdom Treasure

Lk 12:28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Lk 12:29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

Lk 12:30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

Lk 12:31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

### You: A Kingdom Treasure

Lk 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give **you** the kingdom.

Lk 12:33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

Lk 12:34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

If we were to categorize the Treasures of the Kingdom, it would be in this order:

**YeHoVaH:** The King of the Kingdom – The ultimate Kingdom Treasure

**Yeshua:** A Kingdom Treasure – The Word, the Truth, the Life

**The Holy Spirit:** A Kingdom Treasure

**Provisions:** A Kingdom Treasure

**Faith:** A Kingdom Treasure

**You:** A Kingdom Treasure

In societies today, the emphasis is put on material things such as wealth and treasures: money, houses, property, art, cars, collector's items, etc.

The Treasures of the Kingdom are wisdom, knowledge, and the fear of God.

In Messiah is hid the Treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

**Paul understood this:**

Col 2:1 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and *for* them at Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

Col 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

Col 2:3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

**Of all that Job endured, he understood:**

Job 28:28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom; and to depart from evil *is* understanding.

**Moses understood this according to Hebrews 11.**

Heb 11:24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

Heb 11:25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Heb 11:26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

**Moses was given the Commandments to give to the people.**

**With all the exploits and accomplishments of David, he concluded:**

Ps 111:10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever.

**With all of the accumulated wealth, women, and servants, Solomon learned:**

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

Pr 2:5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

Pr 8:13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

Pr 9:10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.

Pr 10:27 The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

Pr 14:26 In the fear of the LORD *is* strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

Pr 14:27 The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Pr 15:16 Better *is* little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.

Pr 15:33 The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour *is* humility.

Pr 16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil.

Pr 19:23 The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life: and *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

Pr 22:4 By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches, and honour, and life.

### **Ultimately, Solomon wrote:**

Ecc 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:  
Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

Lk 12:34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.