

Luke 12:1-13:17 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. Based on Luke 12:35-40 for what are we to be ready (40) and how does this relate to the previous verses? Describe how we can be ready (v35, 36, 39) and the blessings (v37-39).

5. From Luke 12:41-48 how did Jesus' answer Peter's question (v41, 42, 48)? In the parable how does a faithful (v42, 43) or evil (v45-46) steward act, and what results (v44, 47-48)?

6. Read Luke 12:49-53. What did Jesus come to do (v49, 51, 52-53)? What do you think He meant by this? What did He have to do first (v50)?

7. In Luke 12:54-59 what were the failures of the Jewish leaders (v54-56, 57-59)? What should they have realized about their time (v56) and how should that have affected their actions (v58-59)? What was Jesus saying?

8. Look at Luke 13:1-5. What had happened to some Galileans (v1) and Siloams (v4)? What did some people suppose about them (v2)? What was the reality (v3, 5)?

9. Summarize the story of Luke 13:6-9. Who does the "man" (v6) and the fig tree (v6) represent? What does he do and what does he expect (v6, 7, 8-9)? What does this teach?

10. Using Luke 13:10-17 what did Jesus do on the Sabbath (v10-12) and what were the two outcomes (v13, 14)? What was Jesus' point to the official (v15-16)? What resulted (v17)?

11. Review Luke 12-13:7. In the areas of our priorities, preparation for His return, and proof of life change how do we demonstrate that we are serious about our Christian walk?

Scripture to Remember

"Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."

Luke 12:15 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—The Prayer of Greatness (1 Chron 4:9-10)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with your group the biggest request you ever asked of God. Name some things that God wants us to pray for.
2. Read 1 Chron 4:9-10. What was Jabez' ambition and how did he pursue it? What is your ambition and how are you pursuing it? What gets in the way of this?
3. Talk about what Jabez had to overcome and how that relates to you. What is the right reason to pursue greatness and how do you know if you are doing this?
4. How was Jabez' request to "expand my borders" really a prayer for more responsibility? What would this look like in your life?
5. Compare the world's equation of resources with God's—what is different? Why is "asking for God's hand upon us our *strategic* choice to sustain and continue the great things God has begun in our lives"?
6. Discuss the importance of knowing that opposition will come as we pursue God's greatness. How should we handle this, based on the prayer of Jabez?
7. How will you pray to change "your" world today using Jabez' prayer as a model?



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Jesus' one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

When “push comes to shove” it means a relatively calm discussion has become an issue worthy of a fight. In this week’s study Jesus escalated His teaching about the seriousness of His work. He first told His disciples to prioritize the kingdom because it was of ultimate importance. The Pharisees had tried to infect everyone with the mindset of majoring on the minors. Jesus, though, told His disciples to fear God and not man, because all would one day give an account of their allegiance to Him here on earth. Man could only destroy this temporary body, but God could destroy us eternally. When He was then asked to settle a money dispute, He emphasized again the foolishness of living for temporal things. Instead, one must be rich towards God. In conclusion He

told His disciples to seek His kingdom first and then all they needed on this earth would be given to them. Next, Jesus instructed His followers to prepare for His return. This again showed that gain in this life is not the goal, but God’s approval for the next. Prepared servants alertly await the return of their master, and so Jesus’ disciples should be good stewards of the resources given to them. Those who are faithful will then be put in charge of all His possessions when He returns. Those who know this truth are responsible to fulfill its demands. At this point Jesus interjected a personal note about the distress of the cross that He was about to face. He was concerned that He could not exercise His judgment on the unfaithful until He accomplished this, but it would occur. Finally, He castigated the

leaders for failing to evaluate the times; they were ignoring His impending judgment on them. They needed to make amends so they could be right when they stood before the Judge. In the last section Jesus encouraged them to give evidence of life change. Since we are all sinners, we all stand in need of repentance; who is “better” is not the issue. God expects us all to bear fruit, and when our rules take precedence over the restoration of others, we have missed the point. Seeing all of this Jesus knew it was time for “push to come to shove”.

Study Questions for Luke 12:1-13:17

(for answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Using Luke 12:1-12 what was Jesus’ warning and why (v1, 2-3)? What should we remember when the world tries to intimidate us (v4-5, 6-7, 8-10)? What then should our approach be (v8, 11-12)?</p>	
<p>2. Read Luke 12:13-21. What did the man in the crowd reveal about himself (v13-15)? Summarize Jesus’ parable. In what respect was the man foolish (v19-20, 21) and what principle did he violate (v15)?</p>	
<p>3. From Luke 12:22-34 what does Jesus tell us not to do (v22, 29) and why (v23, 24-26, 27-28, 30)? What should we do instead (v31, 33) and why (v32, 34)?</p>	

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