

Eternal Perspective Luke 12

I. Who Am I? – 12:1-12

1. Earthly perspective creates an image
How do I want others to see me?
Jesus warns against leaven of Pharisees – 1
Hypocrisy – pretense, creating an image
2. In God's eyes everything is open – 2-3
He will reveal everything as it is
3. Don't be swayed by peer-pressure – 4-5
True value comes from God's approval
4. God places high value on His people – 6-7
God loves & cares for His own
5. God's approval is what counts – 8-12
Don't be ashamed to acknowledge Him
He will stand with you before authorities

II. What are lasting values? – 13-34

1. Material things not true value – 13-15
Don't covet things that are not lasting
2. Jesus illustrates with a parable – 16-20
Man had a big harvest so he built bigger barns
He thought he could enjoy life with his riches
God told him he would die that night
Riches have no lasting value
3. True riches are invested with God – 21
Eternal value system is what matters
4. Earthly riches cause anxiety – 22-29
Trust God to supply what you need – 22-23
Life is more than what you eat or wear
God provides for the birds – 24
He values you higher than the birds
Anxiety is non-productive – 25-26
You can't really change these things
God provides for the flowers – 27-30
He values you higher than the flowers
He knows you need these earthly things
5. Seek what is true value – 31-34
Set your heart on God's kingdom
Invest in what is eternal
Your heart will be where your treasure is

III. Are you ready for His return? – 35-48

1. Live in a state of readiness – 35-38
Ready to travel to meet our Lord
Whether it is soon or later
2. It may be unexpected – 39-41
He may come when you least expect
We need to live in readiness
This message is for all of us – 41
3. Eternal value in being ready – 42-48
There is a reward for those who are ready
There is judgment for those not prepared

IV. What will you do with Jesus? – 49-59

1. Jesus is the only Savior – 49-53
Readiness revolves around Him
Only Christ is the way to God's kingdom
Even families will be split over Him
Some will receive and some will reject
2. Wisely prepare for the future – 54-59
Wise men consider weather signs – 54-56
Wise men consider possibilities – 57-59
Before they make a decision
This decision has eternal implications