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Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

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AWARENESS TRAINING

Luke 12:1-12

I. The Setting:

Increased crowd: Some with genuine interest ...
Some buying into the distrust of the Pharisees.

II. Teaching the Disciples – *Grow in your life awareness ...*

A. Be aware of the battle for your mind:

Don't be swayed by the Pharisees. (1-3)

1. Hypocrisy is contagious.

2. Hypocrisy cannot be hidden.

B. Be aware of the life on the other side of life. (4-7)

1. Our greatest concern is that of life and death.

2. God's greatest concern is life that follows death.

C. Be aware of the words that you speak ... they reveal your heart. (8-10)

1. Public acknowledgment of Christ has eternal consequences.

2. Public rejection of Christ has eternal consequences.

3. If you have publically rejected Christ ... you can be forgiven.

4. There is no forgiveness if you blaspheme the Holy Spirit.

(Reject God's Grace)

D. Be aware of God's presence even when you are drawn before authorities. (11-12)

1. Do not worry about what you will say.

2. The Holy Spirit will teach you 'at that time' what to say.

III. Application:

A. We are in a battle for our mind.

B. What we believe has eternal consequences.

C. What we believe will be made evident in our words.

D. The Holy Spirit will guide you along the way.

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*Hymn No. 252 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord.

Sweet, Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, Filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings, We lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

Scripture Reading Psalm 84:1-4

¹How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD Almighty!

²My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.

³Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—
a place near your altar,
O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

⁴Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.

*Hymn No. 8 *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;

join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again:
Gladly for aye we adore Him!

*Invocation

Scripture Reading Luke 12:1-12

Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. ²There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ³What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

⁴"I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. ⁵But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. ⁶Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ⁷Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

⁸"I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God. ⁹But he who disowns me before men will be disowned before the angels of God. ¹⁰And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

¹¹"When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, ¹²for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."

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*Hymn No. 377 *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou, from hence, my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought, and hoped, and known;
Yet how rich is my condition, God and Christ are still my own!

Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior, too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like man, untrue;
And, while Thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate, and friends disown me;
Show Thy face, and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me, Christ will bring me sweeter rest.
O 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me;
O 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Haste then on from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by
prayer; God's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide
thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Swift shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Offering of Thanks and Praise

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 247 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me,
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

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The Application

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*Choral Benediction No. 259 *Breath on Me, Breath of God* (v. 3)

Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

*Postlude