

Week 29 Feb 22.2026: Luke 12:22-59 Seek First The Kingdom of God

Luke 12:22-34 Do Not Worry (Matt. 6:19–21, 25–34) Seek First the Kingdom of God

Luk 12:22 Then He(Jesus) said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not “worry” (or stop being worried) about your life (Lit: soul, the whole person), what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on (what clothes to wear).

Luk 12:23 "Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing.

Luk 12:24 "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow (plant seed) nor reap (harvest a crop), which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?

Luk 12:25 "And which of you by worrying can add one cubit (18” to your height, or one hour of time) to his stature (life)?

Luk 12:26 "If you then are not able to do the least (or if worrying can't accomplish a little thing like that), why are you anxious (worried) for the rest (other matters)?

Luk 12:27 "Consider the lilies (wildflowers in the fields), how they grow: they neither toil (work) nor spin (wool to make clothing); and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed (beautifully dressed) like one of these.

Luk 12:28 "If then God, so clothes the grass (wild grass), which today is in the field, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven (to heat the furnace, dry grass was used as fuel), how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith?

Mat 8:23 Now when He(Jesus) got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.

Mat 8:24 And suddenly a great tempest (storm) arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

Mat 8:25 Then His disciples came to Him(Jesus) and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

Mat 8:26 But He(Jesus) said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He(Jesus) arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

Luk 12:29 "And do not seek (or be overly concerned), what you should eat, or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind (nor worry about such things).

Warning against continuously worrying about food and clothing.

We are to work and support ourselves

1Thes 4:11 that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you,

1Thes 4:12 that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.

Luk 12:30 "For all these things the nations of the world seek after (or these things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers all over the world), and your Father (heavenly Father) knows that you need these things (beforehand).

Luk 12:31 "But seek (actively pursue) the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you (he will give you everything you need).

Disciples are to seek His Kingdom more than material blessings, God will take care of His followers

Parallel passage:

Mat 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (His will & way, with His attitude and character), and all these things shall be added to you.

Mat 6:34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Luk 12:32 "Do not fear (be afraid or anxious worried), little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure, to give you the kingdom.

Isa 40:10 Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him.

Isa 40:11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.

Mat 11:28 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Mat 11:29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Mat 11:30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Luk 12:33 "Sell what you have (your extra possessions) and give alms (donations to the poor & needy); provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old (ultimately rot), (instead put) a treasure in the heavens that does not fail (never goes bad), where no thief approaches (can steal) nor moth destroys.

The condition of the heart is reflected by the things we most value.

Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler

Mat 19:16 Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"

Mat 19:17 So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

Mat 19:18 He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,'

Mat 19:19 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "

Mat 19:20 The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"

Mat 19:21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

Mat 19:22 But when the (rich) young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Application:

Luk 11:39 Then the Lord(Jesus) said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness.

Luk 11:40 "Foolish ones! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also?"

Luk 11:41 "But rather give alms (help, donate to those in need) of such things as you have; then indeed all things are (everything is) clean to you.

Luk 12:34 "For where your treasure is, there your heart (desires of your heart) will be also.

Luke 12:35-48 The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant (Matt. 24:42–51) Be in Readiness

Luk 12:35 "Let your waist be girded (be ready and dressed for service and move quickly) and your lamps burning (continuously burning);

1Pet 1:13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind (spiritually and morally alert), be sober (in spirit exercise self-control), and rest (or fix) your hope fully upon the grace (of God) that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

Homework read Matt 25:1-13

Luk 12:36 "and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding (feast, celebration), that when he comes and knocks, they may open (the door) to him immediately.

Luk 12:37 "Blessed (owe how happy, prosperous and admired) are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching (obeying His will). Assuredly, I say to you (I tell you the truth) that he will gird himself (put on an apron), and have them sit down to eat, and (he) will come and serve them.

Mat 24:46 "Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

Mat 24:47 "Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

Luk 12:38 "And if he should come in the second watch (9-12 p.m.), or come in the third watch (12 to 3 a.m.), and find them (alert, prepared and ready) so, blessed are those servants (The master could come at any time, even when one is not normally prepared).

Luk 12:39 "But know this (understand this), that if the master (owner, head) of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched (been awake and alert) and not allowed his house to be broken into.

Luk 12:40 "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect (Lit: think, he is coming)."

No One Knows the Day or Hour

Mar 13:32 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Mar 13:33 "Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

Mar 13:34 "It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.

Mar 13:35 "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming--in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning--

Mar 13:36 "lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.

Mar 13:37 "And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

Luk 12:41 Then Peter said to Him(Jesus), "Lord, do You speak this parable (illustration) only to us (your disciples), or to all people?"

Luk 12:42 And the Lord (Jesus) said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler (put in charge) over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season (at the proper time)?

Luk 12:43 "Blessed is (many blessings upon) that servant, whom his master will find so doing when he comes (returns).

Luk 12:44 "Truly, I say to you (assuredly I tell you the truth) that he will make him ruler over all that he has (in charge of all his possessions).

Luk 12:45 "But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming (will not be back for a long time),' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk,

Luk 12:46 "the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him (expecting him), and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers (banish him with the unfaithful)

A picture of the punishment that awaits the unbeliever at Christ's return.

When the master returns, the faithful and wise manager will be rewarded—a picture of the rewards to be given to faithful believers at the return of Christ

The Day of the Lord

1Th 5:1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

1Th 5:2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

1Th 5:3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

1Th 5:4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

Luk 12:47 "And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare himself or do (did not carry out those instructions) according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

James 4:17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Luk 12:48 "But he who did not know (his master's will), yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few (punished less). For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed (entrusted), of him they will ask the more (more will be required).

Luke 12:49-53 Christ Brings Division (Matt. 10:34–39) Christ Divides Men

Luk 12:49 "I came (I have come) to send fire (judgment) on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

Luk 12:50 "But I have a baptism (suffering& death ahead) to be baptized with, and how distressed I am, till it is accomplished (finished)!"

Jhn 12:27 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

Jhn 12:28 "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."

Jhn 12:29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."

Jhn 12:30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.

Jhn 12:31 "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

Jhn 12:32 "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."

Jhn 12:33 This He(Jesus) said, signifying by what death He would die.

Jhn 19:30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Luk 12:51 "Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? (No) I tell you, not at all, but rather division (between believers and unbelievers).

Mat 10:34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.

Mat 10:35 "For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law';

Mat 10:36 "and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.'

Jhn 9:16 Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

Luk 12:52 "For from now on, five in one house will be divided (over following Me): three against two, and two against three.

Divisions

Mar 13:12 "Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

Mar 13:13 "And you will be hated by all (unbelievers) for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

Luk 12:53 "Father will be divided against son, and son against father, mother against daughter, and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." "(Mic 7:6)

Luke 12:54-56 Christ Brings Division (Matt. 10:34–39)

Luk 12:54 Then He(Jesus) also said to the multitudes (crowds), "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is (it happens, you are right)

Luk 12:55 "And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'(a hot day); and there is (and it happens).

Luk 12:56 "Hypocrites (pretenders, liars, fools)! You can discern (the weather signs of) the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it (or why), you, do not discern this time (understand the present time)?

Mat 16:1 Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him(Jesus) asked that He would show them a sign from heaven.

Mat 16:2 He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red';

Mat 16:3 "and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

Mat 16:4 "A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed.

Luk 19:41 Now as He(Jesus) drew near, He saw the city and wept over it,

Luk 19:42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

Luk 19:43 "For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,

Luk 19:44 "and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Luke 12:57-59 Make Peace with Your Adversary

Luk 12:57 "Yes, and why, even of yourselves (between yourselves), do you not judge what is right (People need to be in right standing with God, the Judge, before it is too late)?

Luk 12:58 "When you go with your adversary (accuser) to the magistrate (court of law), make every effort along the way to settle with him (Lit: both be released), lest he drag you to the judge, the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.

Luk 12:59 "I tell you, you shall not depart from there, till you have paid the very last mite (cent) (smallest Jewish copper coin, Greek lepton, approx. 1/128 of a laborer's daily wage)."

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Extra Scriptures:

Simple Biblical Chart for Christian to Stay Away From

<u>Category</u>	<u>Warning</u>	<u>Key Verse</u>
Die Self: Exalting Self	Self life enslaves-practices sin, die to self	Luke 9:23
Sexual Immorality	Stay pure; no sex outside marriage	1Cor 6:18

Lust / Pornography	Guard your eyes & thoughts	Matt 5:28
Drunkenness	Is sinful, reduces reason, stay out of bars,	Eph 5:18
Sorcery, Drugs	Say no to mind altering drugs like pot ...	Deut 18:10–12
Idolatry	Don't put anything above God	1John 5:21
Love of Money	Don't chase riches or material things	1Tim 6:10
Greed	Be content, not grasping for world things	Heb 13:5
Unforgiveness	Forgive quickly	Matt 6:14–15
Bitterness	Don't let resentment grow	Heb 12:15
Gossip / Slander	Watch your words	Eph 4:29
Anger Outbursts	Control your temper	Prov 29:11
Pride	Not willing to repent when sinning	James 4:6
Lying / Deception	Speak truth, don't lie & be untrustworthy	Eph 4:25
Bad Company	Wrong friends will corrupt & deceive you,	1Cor 15:33
Laziness, wasting time	Be diligent, work hard, be faithful	Prov 6:9–11

Simple Chart to Keep You Close, Abiding in Jesus & His Word

<u>Positive Habit</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Key Verse</u>
Love God	Put God first & obey His Word,	Matt 22:37
Love Others	Treat others with kindness	John 13:34–35
God First, Self-Die	Crucify old nature vs walk in New nature	Luke 9:23
Pray Daily	Talk to God continually	1Thess 5:17
Read the Word	Feed your spirit & soul	Josh 1:8
Obey God	Do what Scripture says	James 1:22
Walk in Faith	Trust God, not fear	Heb 11:6
Be Humble	Think less of self, ask God for wisdom	Phil 2:3
Forgive Quickly	Release offenses have a forgiving heart	Eph 4:32
Give Generously	Have a generous heart, share with others	2Cor 9:7
Serve Others	Be helpful and kind	Mark 10:45
Be Thankful	Practice gratitude, be thankful	1Thess 5:18
Confess Sin	Willingness to repent, Keep a clean heart	1John 1:9
Stay Pure	Keep your mind and body clean	1Tim 5:22
Be Diligent	Work hard for the Lord	Col 3:23
Walk in the Spirit	Live by the Spirit's power	Gal 5:22–23