Questions on Luke chapter 12

1. Why did Jesus refer to the hypocrisy of the Pharisees as leaven? Verse 1.

2. The teaching of Jesus would bring persecution so why wouldn’t it be possible to conceal that teaching? Verses 2-3.

3. Although persecution would come, why should His disciples not fear their persecutors? Verses 4-5.

4. What comfort would it be to know that God does not forget sparrows? Verse 6.

5. How does the fact that God knows the number of hairs on one’s head offer reassurance? Verse 7.

6. If tempted to deny Christ because of love of honor or fear of disgrace, what were they to remember? Verses 8-9.

7. Why would blasphemy against the Holy Spirit be more deadly than speaking against Christ? Verse 10.

8. Can you think of anyone in the New Testament who stood before authorities and spoke by relying upon the Holy Spirit? Verses 11-12.

9. Was Jesus willing to enforce the law by settling disputes over estates? Verses 13-14.

10. Why do you think Jesus now warned about covetousness? Verse 15.

11. Had this rich man gained his wealth by illegal or immoral means? Verse 16.

12. What was the rich man’s problem? Verse 17.

13. How does he plan to solve his problem? Verse 18.

14. How many times in this parable does the rich man use the pronouns “I” and “my” and what does that indicate? Verse 19.

15. Why does Jesus call the rich man a fool? Verses 20-21.

16. The Revised Version reads: “Be not anxious.” About what are we to not be anxious? Verse 22.

17. Why should we not be anxious? Verse 23.

18. What are we to infer from the fact that God feeds the ravens? Verse 24.

19. In Jesus’ statement, what illustrates the futility of being anxious? Verse 25.

20. What should convince us of the folly of being anxious about big, unsolvable problems? Verse 26.

21. What is it about lilies that should teach the folly of worry about what to wear? Verse 27.

22. If God clothes lilies, what should humans conclude about God’s care? Verse 28.

23. What else does Jesus forbid besides anxiety? Verse 29.

24. For what do the nations of the world seek that God provides? Verse 30.

25. What is the real object of our search? Verse 31.

26. Why would Jesus refer to his disciples as a “little flock”? Verse 32.

27. Do you think these words apply to all Christians, to the apostles, or to the seventy? Verse 33.

28. What would be the advantage of selling earthly things providing treasure in heaven? Verse 34.

29. To what is Jesus' coming compared? Verses 35-36.

30. Can you think of a time when the Apostles had a foretaste of this honor? Verse 37.

31. Do you think there may be a hint here that Jesus' coming would be delayed beyond the expectations of that generation? Verse 38.

32. What figure does Jesus use to teach watchfulness in these verses? Verses 39-40.

33. Since a steward is distinct from the household, does this provide and answer to Peter's question? Verses 41-44.

34. What danger does Jesus warn against for His generation? Verse 45.

35. Do you think the "cutting asunder" is literal or a metaphor for the punishment of the unfaithful? Verse 46.

36. Is there any excuse for the servant who knows the Lord's will but does not do it? Verse 47.

37. Does ignorance of the Lord's will entirely excuse the servant who does not do it? Verse 48.

38. Will some be more accountable than others? Verse 48.

39. Do you have an idea about what the fire was that Jesus came to send upon the earth? Verse 49.

40. What was the baptism that Jesus expected? Verse 50.

41. What is the cause of division that Jesus anticipated? Verses 51-53.

42. What was west of Palestine that would cause rain from a cloud in that direction? Verse 54.

43. Why would a wind from the south bring scorching heat? Verse 55.

44. What signs of the times should have indicated that the storm was coming? Verse 56.

45. Can you think of anything that should have warned them without the warnings of John the Baptist and Jesus? Verse 57.

46. Do you think the Jewish rulers looked upon Jesus as a friend or an adversary? Verse 58.

47. If they viewed Him as an adversary, what did Jesus advise them to do? Verse 58.

48. What will be the consequences of not coming to terms with the adversary? Verse 59.