

Be Genuine

Text: Luke 12:1-3

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I. THE WARNING REGARDING HYPOCRISY (v. 1)

- A. Beware – pay attention to, and be on your guard
- B. The Pharisees were a Jewish religious party that flourished in Palestine during the latter part of the Second Temple period.
- C. Leaven is a food additive that causes bread to rise and is used as a metaphor for sin, pride, and hypocrisy.

II. THE WAY OF HYPOCRISY (v. 2-3)

- A. The way hypocrisy is pretense and deception. The word “hypocrite” comes from a Greek word meaning “play actor.”
- B. The way of hypocrisy will be revealed (v. 2)
 - 1) Jesus is saying that such hypocrisy cannot be hidden forever
 - 2) Whatever a hypocrite says in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what one whispers in the inner rooms (hidden and private places) shall be broadcast from the housetops for all to hear (*Num. 32:23; Ecl. 12:14*)
 - 3) It is foolish to be hypocritical because one’s hypocrisy will eventually be revealed