Luke 12. Meanwhile, the crowds grew until thousands were milling about and stepping on each other. Jesus turned first to his disciples and warned them, "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees -- their hypocrisy. Verse 2. The time is coming when everything that is covered up will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all. NLT
Verse 3. Whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be shouted from the housetops for all to hear! Verse 4. "Dear friends, don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body;
they cannot do any more to you after that. Verse 5. But I'll tell you whom to fear. Fear God, who has the power to kill you and then throw you into hell. Yes, he's the one to fear. Verse 6. "What is the price of five sparrows -- two
copper coins? Yet God does not forget a single one of them. Verse 7. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Verse 8. "I tell you the truth, everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth,
the Son of Man will also acknowledge in the presence of God's angels. Verse 9. But anyone who denies me here on earth will be denied before God's angels.  

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Verse 10. Anyone who speaks against the Son of Man can be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. Verse 11. "And when you are brought to trial in the synagogues and before rulers and authorities, don't worry about how to defend yourself or what to say,
Verse 12. for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what needs to be said.” Verse 13. Then someone called from the crowd, "Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father’s estate with me.” Verse 14. Jesus replied, "Friend,
Verse 15. Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." Verse 16. Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops."
Verse 17. He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.'
Verse 18. Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods.'
Verse 19. And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!" Verse 20. "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?"
Verse 21. "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God." Verse 22. Then, turning to his disciples, Jesus said, "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life -- whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear."

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Verse 23. For life is more than food, and your body more than clothing.  Verse 24. Look at the ravens. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds!  Verse 25. Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?
Verse 26. And if worry can't accomplish a little thing like that, what's the use of worrying over bigger things? Verse 27. "Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are."
Verse 28. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? Verse 29. "And don't be concerned about what to eat and what to drink. Don't worry about such things.

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Verse 30. These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers all over the world, but your Father already knows your needs. Verse 31. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need.  

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Verse 32. "So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom. Verse 33. "Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven NLT
never get old or develop holes. Your treasure will be safe; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it. Verse 34. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. Verse 35. "Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning, NLT
Verse 36. as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding feast. Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks. Verse 37. The servants who are ready and waiting for his return will be rewarded. I tell you the truth, he himself will seat them,
put on an apron, and serve them as they sit and eat! Verse 38. He may come in the middle of the night or just before dawn. But whenever he comes, he will reward the servants who are ready. Verse 39. "Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when
a burglar was coming, he would not permit his house to be broken into. Verse 40. You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected."
Verse 41. Peter asked, "Lord, is that illustration just for us or for everyone?"
Verse 42. And the Lord replied, "A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them. Verse 43. If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward."
Verse 44. I tell you the truth, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns.

Verse 45. But what if the servant thinks, ‘My master won’t be back for a while,’ and he begins beating the other servants, partying, and getting drunk? NLT
Verse 46. The master will return unannounced and unexpected, and he will cut the servant in pieces and banish him with the unfaithful. Verse 47. "And a servant who knows what the master wants, but isn't prepared and doesn't carry out those instructions, will be severely punished. NLT
Verse 48. But someone who does not know, and then does something wrong, will be punished only lightly. When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required. NLT
Verse 49. "I have come to set the world on fire, and I wish it were already burning! Verse 50. I have a terrible baptism of suffering ahead of me, and I am under a heavy burden until it is accomplished." NLT
Verse 51. Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I have come to divide people against each other! Verse 52. From now on families will be split apart, three in favor of me, and two against -- or two in favor and three against.
Verse 53. 'Father will be divided against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Verse 54. Then Jesus turned to the crowd and said, "When you see clouds beginning to form in the west,"
you say, 'Here comes a shower.' And you are right. Verse 55. When the south wind blows, you say, 'Today will be a scorcher.' And it is. Verse 56. You fools! You know how to interpret the weather signs of the earth and sky, but you don't know how to interpret the present times.
Verse 57. "Why can't you decide for yourselves what is right? Verse 58. When you are on the way to court with your accuser, try to settle the matter before you get there. Otherwise, your accuser may drag you before the judge.

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who will hand you over to an officer, who will throw you into prison. Verse 59. And if that happens, you won't be free again until you have paid the very last penny." NLT