



LUKE



Whom shall I shall I fear?

Luke 12:1-12

The High Cost of fearing people

1. You give others power over your future.
2. You live with anxiety and doubt.
3. You offend God by giving people his place.

Luke 12:4

“I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more.”

Don't fear man!

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Why?

1. God makes everything known.
2. God holds every soul accountable.
3. God upholds the faithful.
4. God speaks through you when you are on trial.

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God makes everything known.

Luke 11:37-39

When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. But the Pharisee was surprised when he noticed that Jesus did not first wash before the meal. Then the Lord said to him, “Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness.

Luke 12:1-3

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. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What 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.

Luke 8:17

For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be know or brought out into the open.



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Luke 12:4-5

“I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.”

Luke 12:10

And 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.

God holds every soul accountable

Humanism

- I can establish my own truth.
- I can determine my own fate.

Theology

- “I am the way, truth, and the life..” John 14:6
- “Behold, I coming soon. My reward is with me and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.”
Revelation 22:12

Psalm 37:27-29

Turn from evil and do good;
then you will dwell in the land forever.
For the Lord loves the just
and will not forsake his faithful ones.

Wrongdoers will be completely destroyed;
the offspring of the wicked will perish.

The righteous will inherit the land
and dwell in it forever

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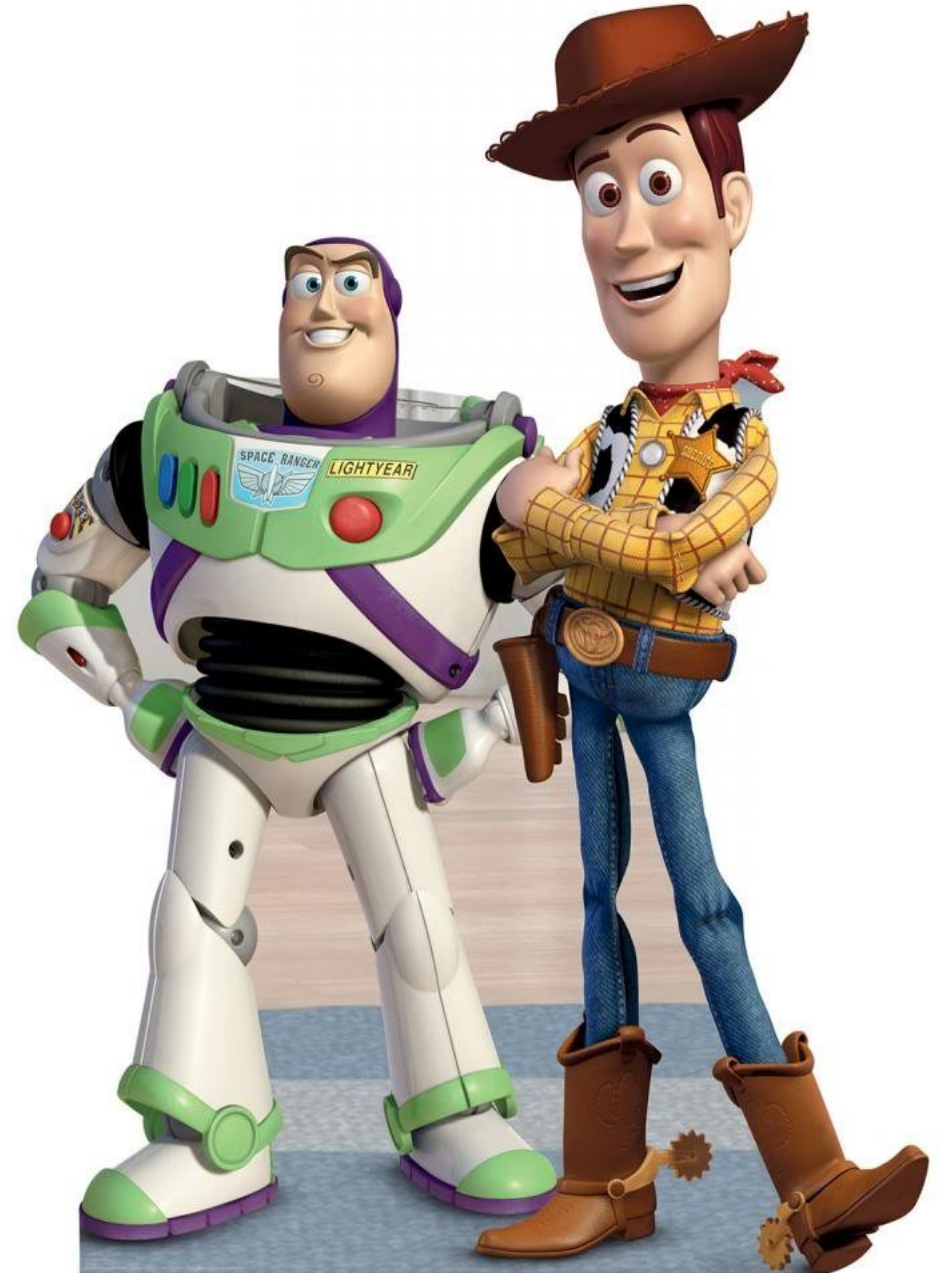
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Luke 12:6-9

“Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don’t be afraid; **you are worth more than many sparrows.**”

“I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God.”

Woody and Buzz



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God upholds the faithful.

Now, there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:8

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Luke 12:11-12

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

2 Timothy 4:16-18

At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. **But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.** And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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How to Apply this?

- Witness transparently
- Witness boldly
- Witness confidently
- Witness dependently

Fear God!

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He has infinite love for your soul.

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power...to grasp how wide and long and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge.

Ephesians 3:17-19

Fear God!

He has an eternal perspective on your future.

Peter said to him, “We have left all we had to follow you!” “Truly, I tell you,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.”

Luke 18:28-30

Fear God!

He is absolutely worthy of your trust!

*“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;
no one will snatch them out of my hand.”*

John 10:28



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