



Daily Verse and Comment

Luke 12:1-3

(1) 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. (2) There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. (3) 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.

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We need to understand that it is God's purpose, because He is [love](#), to do everything in His power to cover [sin](#). He does not want people to be exposed. He will do whatever He can to keep us from being embarrassed, but if we refuse to *repent*, then He will follow through with this principle. Because He loves us so much, He will embarrass us to tears to get us to repent.

He will hold us up to shame and scorn, as He did to His beloved David, who would not repent after committing [adultery](#) with Bathsheba. Eventually, [God](#) had to send a prophet to bring him to [repentance](#), warning David that, although what he did was done in secret, but what will happen as a result will be done in public.

What we *do* means a lot—because there is a God who loves us! He does not want to see us as victims of our own sins. He also does not want to see innocent people victimized even by things that we do privately, in secret. There is no such thing as "the perfect crime." The effect of what we do is going to show—unless a variable occurs to forestall it, we repent, and God is willing to cover it.

However, all the while, that sin is like an active, living organism which affects other organisms (usually, other human beings). We need to ask ourselves: "Why are we so *insensitive* and so *indifferent* to the things we do?" It is, of course, our self-centeredness.

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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