

THE THINGS DISCIPLES DO

Lesson 10

Wednesday,
March 11

What sort of things do disciples do? Jesus taught us in [Luke 10](#) and [12](#) that disciples must be “on guard” against very real dangers. **Disciples must guard against _____.** Notice how our teacher taught this important lesson as he was spending time with two sisters.

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named _____ welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called _____, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are _____ and troubled about many things, but _____ thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.” ([Luke 10:38-42](#))

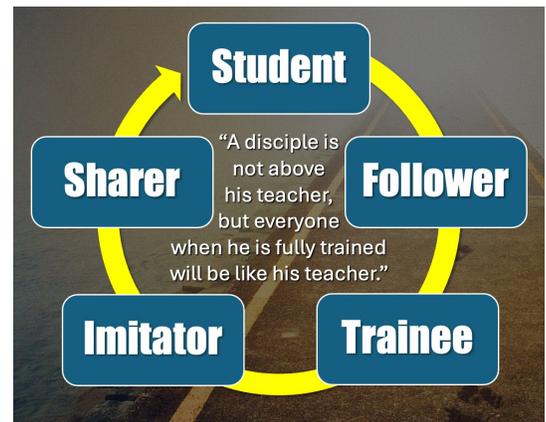
Disciples must guard against _____. Listen to what Jesus said in [Luke 12:1](#):

In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, “Beware of the _____ of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.”

After warning his disciples that all which is “covered up” or “hidden” will eventually be revealed ([12:2-3](#)) and emphasizing who we really need to fear ([12:4-7](#)), unashamedly acknowledging our allegiance to the Son of Man before others ([12:8-9](#)), Jesus highlighted one more area where we need to be on guard when someone in the crowd said, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me” ([12:13](#)). **Disciples must guard against _____.**

But [Jesus] said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your _____ against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his _____.” ([12:14-15](#))

Clearly there are things we need to see, understand, and apply as disciples, so let’s dig in...



For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ When you think of being “on guard,” what comes to mind? In what areas of everyday life do we see and understand the need to be “on guard”?
- ▶ Being “on guard” is a common theme in Scripture ([Prov 4:23](#); [Psa 141:3](#); [Prov 16:17](#); [Phil 4:4-7](#); [1 Tim 6:20](#)). In your own words, what does it mean for a disciple to “beware” things or influences that are dangerous and deceptive?
- ▶ **Disciples must guard against distractions.** What do you think? What can we learn from Martha about distractions ([Luke 10:38-42](#))? What sort of things have the power to really distract us today?
- ▶ What do you think is the “one thing” that is “necessary” Jesus was talking about in [Luke 10:42](#)?
- ▶ **Disciples must guard against hypocrisy.** In your own words, what is hypocrisy? Why would Jesus describe it as “leaven” ([Luke 12:1](#))?
- ▶ How might disciples of Jesus let their guards down and be tempted by the pull of hypocrisy in the 21st century? What makes hypocrisy such a big deal in the eyes of God?
- ▶ **Disciples must guard against covetousness.** What is covetousness ([Luke 12:15](#)), and what does Jesus want us to understand about it in [Luke 12:15-21](#)?
- ▶ Is covetousness a real danger for modern disciples? If so, in what ways?
- ▶ As disciples who are being trained to be like our teacher ([Luke 6:40](#)), what will it take and look like to be “on guard” in the days ahead, just like Jesus has encouraged?