

TAKING A SPIRITUAL STAND CAN DIVIDE YOUR FAMILY

(Luke 12:49-59)

A. JESUS WARNS ABOUT POTENTIAL SPIRITUAL DIVISION (Luke 12:49-59)

1. John 3:17 informs us that Jesus did not come into the world to judge it (this referred to His 1ST Advent); but at His _____ He is bringing a whole lot of _____ and _____. (v. 49; cf., 2 Pet. 3:10-13; Rev. 19:11-21)
2. Before Jesus' judging ministry would begin, _____ would be _____ in a horrible baptism of blood, agony, and death for the sins of the world. (v. 50a, cf., Mark 10:32-40)
3. Just the very thought of becoming the object of His _____ and the spiritual death that would follow, caused our Lord to be distressed regarding His mission. (v. 50b, cf., John 12:27-28)
4. From the very beginning of Jesus' ministry there was _____ by the religious leaders who _____ influenced other's personal beliefs in Him. (v. 51)
5. Differences of opinion on what individual family members _____ concerning the Christ would cause great _____ in those families for the next 2,000 years. (v. 52)
6. There is a _____ going on in every home, between what the Word of God has to say and what the flesh, the world, and the devil have to say. (v. 53, cf. Eph. 6:10-17)

* Are you willing to take a stand in defense of Christ and the gospel or do you think your family member's souls are really not worth the fight?

7. In light of the coming judgment, Jesus turned to the _____ and used two illustrations to hammer home this truth...
- a. Your average farmer wouldn't have any difficulty in predicting _____ as he observed the _____ clouds approaching nor would he have trouble in determining the wind was going to be _____ if it came from the south. (vv. 54-55)

 - b. The Jews in Jesus' day had _____ to notice the sign of the times, they hadn't noticed a plethora of _____ being fulfilled by the Messiah right before their very own eyes. (vv. 56-57)

* Are you listening? Have you forgotten the Lord's return is imminent?

8. Using another earthly illustration Jesus said that as you are being forcibly dragged into court, make "_____" along the way before it is too late, because _____ is just around the corner. (v. 58)
9. It is sobering to think about the destinies of the lost; their _____ and tortures in the Lake of Fire are eternally _____. (v. 59)

* How can you personally apply this truth today in your own life?