

## Jesus Explains the Help of the Holy Spirit

(Luke 12:11-12)

*Confess, Deny, Speak Against...*

<sup>11</sup> "Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. <sup>12</sup> "For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.

### 1. Jesus Acknowledges the Possibility of \_\_\_\_\_

- Whenever:** Suggests the possibility and even the \_\_\_\_\_ of trouble
- Carry You To:** Suggests that it's not your \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
- They:** Suggests any that would turn you over to those in political or religious power

### 2. Jesus Recognizes the Reality of \_\_\_\_\_

- DEFENSE** (*ἀπολογέομαι – apologeomai*)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ do I go about defending myself?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ will my arguments be?
- WORDS**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ exactly should I say when I speak?

### 3. Jesus Gives God's Consistent \_\_\_\_\_

- May you not \_\_\_\_\_
- God is always \_\_\_\_\_ the "\_\_\_\_\_ option"

### 4. Jesus Affirms the Presence of a \_\_\_\_\_

- A \_\_\_\_\_ Helper: "the Holy Spirit"
- A Promise of \_\_\_\_\_: "will teach"
- A Promise of \_\_\_\_\_ Help: "you"
- A Promise of \_\_\_\_\_ Help: "in that hour"
- A Promise of \_\_\_\_\_ Help: "what you ought (dei) to say"

What you *ought* to say might well be rendered 'what you must say'. Jesus is concerned with the duty that rests compellingly on believers even in such a time of danger. He is not telling them how to secure acquittal. He is telling them how they may best serve God in their trying situation. The Spirit will inspire them with such a defence that through it the gospel will be proclaimed and God's purposes be set forward. Morris, L. (1988). Luke: an introduction and commentary (Vol. 3, pp. 229–230). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

The idea is not that the disciples may defend themselves in such a way as to escape the infliction of penalties, but that they may defend themselves in such a manner as to cast no dishonor on Christ and the gospel by their mental confusion, by mistakes, by weakness, ignorance, or other handicaps, and thus injure the Lord's cause. Lenski, R. C. H. (1961). The Interpretation of St. Luke's Gospel (p. 682). Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Publishing House.

### What the Passage Is NOT Saying

- It is NOT saying that I do not need to \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible.
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- It is NOT saying that I do not need to be \_\_\_\_\_ by others.
- It is NOT saying that I do not need to \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Pet 3:15)
- It is NOT guiding us in how to teach, but in \_\_\_\_\_.

NOTE: The Holy Spirit, Who authored the Bible, seems to work \_\_\_\_\_ His Word rather than \_\_\_\_\_ from His Word.

### What the Passage IS Saying

- Specific:** ... a promise to the \_\_\_\_\_ in their imminent need for direct revelation in the time before they had the completed Bible and before they had the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 4:8-13)
- Future:** God gives a similar promise to \_\_\_\_\_ believers, who will face even more intense persecution for Jesus' sake. God will provide wisdom and the ability to speak in a way that cannot be contradicted or resisted. (Luke 21:14-15, 21:11-22; cf Mt 10:16-24; Mk 13:4-30)
- Principle:** In critical situations, God may give \_\_\_\_\_. He desires more direct, specific help beyond the commands and principles of the Word. If God allows you to be placed in this situation for Jesus' sake, He will help you!
- General Lesson:** Do what God \_\_\_\_\_ you to do, and He will care for the things you cannot do. Learn the Word, and the Lord will help you to use the Word. Prepare, and then trust God.