

1. Do not be afraid_____.

{Note who Jesus is talking to.}

²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

Illustration:

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV)

7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Application:

Don't fear, don't be afraid of what mere man can do.

2. Fear_____.

²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from **your Father**. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

Illustration:

Psalm 33:8 (ESV)

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Psalm 33:18 (ESV)

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

Application:

Rest in the Lord. {Relax, trust that God has you}

3. Do not be afraid_____.

³¹ **Fear not**, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² **So everyone** who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before **my Father** who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before **my Father** who is in heaven.

Illustration:

Proverbs 9:10 (ESV)

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

John 14:27 (ESV)

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Application:

Know that God loves you, that you are of value to Him and He will care for you. **{Given you belong to Him}**