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But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

—Luke 12:48

People with prominent spiritual giftings, as well as those with callings to leadership, must constantly guard against high-mindedness. High-mindedness is simply considering that you, your position, or your purpose is so important that you are judged more leniently. High-minded people are those who consider that, because they are doing such an important work for God and because His power is manifest through them, they are not accountable for things like integrity, honesty, and kindness—especially in the small and unseen matters of life. It is this temptation to self-deception that plagues many people in positions of power and influence. It is a great deception because, in actuality, the opposite is true. Every person through whom spiritual gifts operate, as well as every person in a position of privilege or leadership, needs to be acutely aware that a day of reckoning is coming. We will all stand before God one day for a final evaluation of our lives and ministries (1 Cor. 3:11-15).

{ PRAYER STARTER }

Holy Spirit, convict me of any high-mindedness that is present in my life. Fill my life and my mouth with integrity, honesty, and kindness. Help me never to forget that I shall give an account to You for every word I speak or think.

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