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THE GOSPEL OF **LUKE**

That you may have certainty!





FAITHFUL, ALERT AND READY

Luke 12:35-48

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Ready & Alert Luke 12:35-40

³⁵ "Be ready for service and have your lamps lit. ³⁶ You are to be like people waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet so that when he comes and knocks, they can open the door for him at once. ³⁷ Blessed will be those servants the master finds alert when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will get ready, have them recline at the table, then come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes in the middle of the night, or even near dawn, and finds them alert, blessed are those servants. ³⁹ But know this: If the homeowner had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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LUKE 12

RECAP

Luke 12:1-34

Major Themes

1. Beware of and avoid religious hypocrisy
2. Fear God, not man
3. Acknowledge Christ before men
4. Store up treasure in heaven, not on earth
5. Trust God and don't worry

How does trust express itself?

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BE

READY

Luke 12:35-36

³⁵ "**Be ready** for service and have your lamps lit.

³⁶ You are to be like people waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet so that when he comes and knocks, they can open the door for him at once.

"Ready" in the Greek refers to a state of constant readiness

1. For what are we to be ready?
2. What type of service?
3. When are we to be ready?
 - ✓ Day or night (*hence the lamp*)

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BE ALERT

Luke 12:35-36

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³⁶ You are to be like people **waiting for their master to return** from the wedding banquet so that when he comes and knocks, they can open the door for him at once.

To what event does this passage allude?

1. What did this phrase mean to the original audience?
2. What does it mean to us now?

Disciples are called to serve with one eye toward heaven, looking for Jesus' return.

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BE BLESSED

Luke 12:37-38

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What are the benefits of being ready and alert?

- Received/accepted by the Master
- Seated at the banquet table by the Master
- Served by the Master

To what end-times event is Jesus alluding?

- The Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19:9)

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BE READY²

Luke 12:39-40

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³⁹ But know this: If the homeowner had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also **be ready**, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Why does Jesus repeat this command?

- Because it's important! (Be Ready²)
- We can accept Him now; it will be too late when He returns

Why are we commanded to be ready and alert?

- Because we don't know the time or hour of His return.

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Found Faithful

Luke 12:41-48

⁴¹ "Lord," Peter asked, "are you telling this parable to us or to everyone?"

⁴² The Lord said: "Who then is the faithful and sensible manager his master will put in charge of his household servants to give them their allotted food at the proper time? ⁴³ Blessed is that servant whom the master finds doing his job when he comes. ⁴⁴ Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁵ But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and starts to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, ⁴⁶ that servant's master will come on a day he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unfaithful. ⁴⁷ And that servant who knew his master's will and didn't prepare himself or do it will be severely beaten. ⁴⁸ But the one who did not know and did what deserved punishment will receive a light beating. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, even more will be expected.

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FAITHFUL & WISE

Luke 12:42-43

⁴² The Lord said: "Who then is the faithful and sensible manager his master will put in charge of his household servants to give them their allotted food at the proper time? ⁴³ **Blessed is that servant** whom the master finds doing his job when he comes. ⁴⁴ Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

What type of servant is blessed according to Jesus?

What signifies a faithful and wise servant?

What is the reward for faithful service?

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BLATANT DISOBEDIENCE

Luke 12:45-46

⁴⁵ But if that servant says in his heart, '**My master is delaying his coming,**' and starts to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, ⁴⁶ that servant's master will come on a day he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unfaithful.

How would you describe this 2nd servant's attitude?

How would you describe his actions?

What are the consequences of his actions?

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CONSCIOUS DISOBEDIENCE

Luke 12:47

47 And that servant **who knew** his master's will and **didn't prepare** himself or do it will be severely beaten.

How would you describe the 3rd servant?

What's different about his attitude and actions?

What's different about his punishment?

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IGNORANT DISOBEDIENCE

Luke 12:48a

48 But the one **who did not know** and **did what deserved punishment** will receive a light beating.

What's different about the 4th servant?

Why was this servant punished?

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Parable of the 2 x 4



Blatantly
Disobedient



Knowingly
Disobedient



Unwittingly
Disobedient



FAITHFUL

UNFAITHFUL

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OBEDIENCE EXPECTED

Luke 12:48b

48...From everyone who has been **given much**, much will be required; and from the one who has been **entrusted with** much, even more will be expected.

What does Jesus require of His disciples
and what are His expectations?

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FAR² Discipleship



FAITHFUL



ALERT



READY²

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DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- To whom much is given, much is required!
- Faithful servants will sit at the blessed banquet table and feast with the Master when He returns.
- Those who ignore the fact of His return, act corruptly, and abuse those around them will receive rebuke.
- Those who blatantly oppose His will and act maliciously against His people will be judged harshly.
- Keep anticipating and watching for His return.
- Be ready, alert and faithfully at work, always!

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BBC Gospels Class



Faithful Alert Ready²

Luke 12:35-40