

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Readiness"
Luke 12:35-48
Study-55

As disciples, we must heed to the warning signs that God places before us, which is God's Word! Luke 12:40

Jesus shifts the emphasis from being Worried about the present to being Watchful about the future.
Luke 12 – Hindrances To Holiness:

Revelation 1:7-8

In the Bible, one verse in every twenty-five verses refers to The Second Coming. Our passage is also recorded in **Matthew 24:43-51; 25:1-13**

Luke 9:51-19:27 The Rejection Of The Son Of Man:

Thought Of Our Passage: "When We Are Living In The Future Tense, It Is Difficult For The Things Of The World To Ensnare Us"

- 1. Verses 35-40 Be Watchful**
- 2. Verses 41-48 Be Faithful**

1. Verses 35-40 Be Watchful:

Luke 12:35 "Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps lit.
Jesus now launches into a parable about
"Being Faithful And Devoted Servants" Verses 35-38

"Be dressed in readiness,
Context – Verses 22-34 Jesus has been speaking to His disciples about the besetting sin of **"Worry."** Jesus, prior to speaking about worry, was speaking about **"Greed."**

The principle for us this morning applies to the church as we anticipate His coming at the Rapture.

Verses 35-38 The Fact of His Coming:
"Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps lit.
We need to actively work. Living for Him; working hard at it.
We Need To Be Committed.

Responsibility: "Be dressed in readiness,
Jesus describes a servant that is dressed to work.
Exodus 12:11; 1 Peter 1:13

Responsibility: and keep your lamps lit. (Ready Day or Night)

Servant of God is always on call: (No time to delay)

Luke 12:36 We Don't Know When Jesus Will Return:

"Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, Jewish weddings were held at night and the servants of the bridegroom would wait for their master to come home with his bride. **Master** – has a double meaning, *"the master of the servants and the Lord"*

so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks. The description appears to say the servants had their hands on the door latch, waiting to open the door. **Revelation 3:20**

2 Timothy 4:8

Luke 12:37 Blessing: "Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes;

truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them.

This speaks of Jesus' return.

Jesus will be so pleased; He will reverse the roles and serve us!
John 13:5 (Symbolic/Incarnation - Son of God who came to serve, Prophetic of the future kingdom of God) Luke 13:29

Revelation 19:7

Matthew 25:21

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave;

An Unexpected Appearance: Luke 12:38 "Whether he comes in the second watch, (10:00 PM to 2:00 AM) or even in the third, (2 AM – 6 AM) and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

Verses 39-40 The Time of His Coming: Luke 12:39

From Servant To Wise Homeowner: "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming,

"broken into" or literally "dug through"

Homes in Israel were built out of adobe-type bricks; therefore, it would be easier to dig through the wall than to break in the door.

1 Thessalonians 5:2-4; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 3:3

Luke 12:40 be ready "watch" means to be alert, to be ready, not to be caught by surprise.

Be Committed:

2. Verses 41-48 Be Faithful:

Luke 12:41 Peter asks Jesus, "To who are these parables addressed to?"

It is to the heart of those that love God; that want to please God!

Verses 42-44 Reward For Wise And Faithful Servants: Luke 12:42
"Who then is the faithful and sensible steward, (Faithful & Wisdom)
Self-Centered Versus God-Centered Service!

The servant with the right heart (Ready and Faithful): put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time?

Luke 12:43 Blessed – "*oh to be envied*" is the servant of God that is God-centered. He who has the right heart.

Luke 12:44 Truly I say to you - "*this is of a sure truth; this you can bank on*"

The Blessing: that he will put him in charge of all of his possessions.

It is a greater responsibility that God will give.

(From temporary to permanently in charge)

Verses 45-46 Punishment For Foolish And Unfaithful Servants:
Luke 12:45

The Servant With The Wrong Heart: "But if that slave says in his heart, Notice where the root of our service is! It is in the heart!

'My master will be a long time in coming,'

Our relationship with the Lord determines our relationship with others.

When Jesus is far from us, it affects how we see and treat others.

and begins to beat the slaves, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk;

(Not believers **Verse 46 place with the unbelievers.**)

1 John 3:10

Luke 12:46 No One To Blame But Ourselves: the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him,

This is to warn against the notion that we will never have to be reckoned for our sins.

The Lord will expose this phony "Faithfulness".

It has just been lip service and it was not genuine!

and will cut him in pieces, *"to separate him, cut off"* This is hyperbole. There will be a separation of the faithful from the unfaithful. The believer from the unbeliever.

Verses 47-48 Just Punishment: Luke 12:47

"And that slave who knew his master's

Those who know God's will, His plan and still do wrong, or who know what is right.

and did not get ready or act in accord with his will,

Did not act in obedience, get ready, or act in accord with his will

James 1:22

will receive many lashes,

"beat" which can also be translated *"skin, flay, flog"*

Luke 12:48 Responsible For Ignorance: but the one who did not know it,

Sins of ignorance will be punished lightly, but will still be punished.

Why? Because the servant should have learned the Master's will.

Peter's Question: Luke 12:41

Answer: To those that belong to God that have been entrusted with responsibility!

This will not be a Criminal Court, but a Circuit Court where our property will be in danger.

2 Corinthians 5:9-11

Application: The Return of Jesus Is as Sure as His Incarnation.

- 1.** Living A Godly Life - Through Reflecting God's Truths That God Has Revealed To Us.
- 2.** Living Out Joyful Service - In Which We Are Dressed Ready For Service, And Keeping Our Lamps Burning.