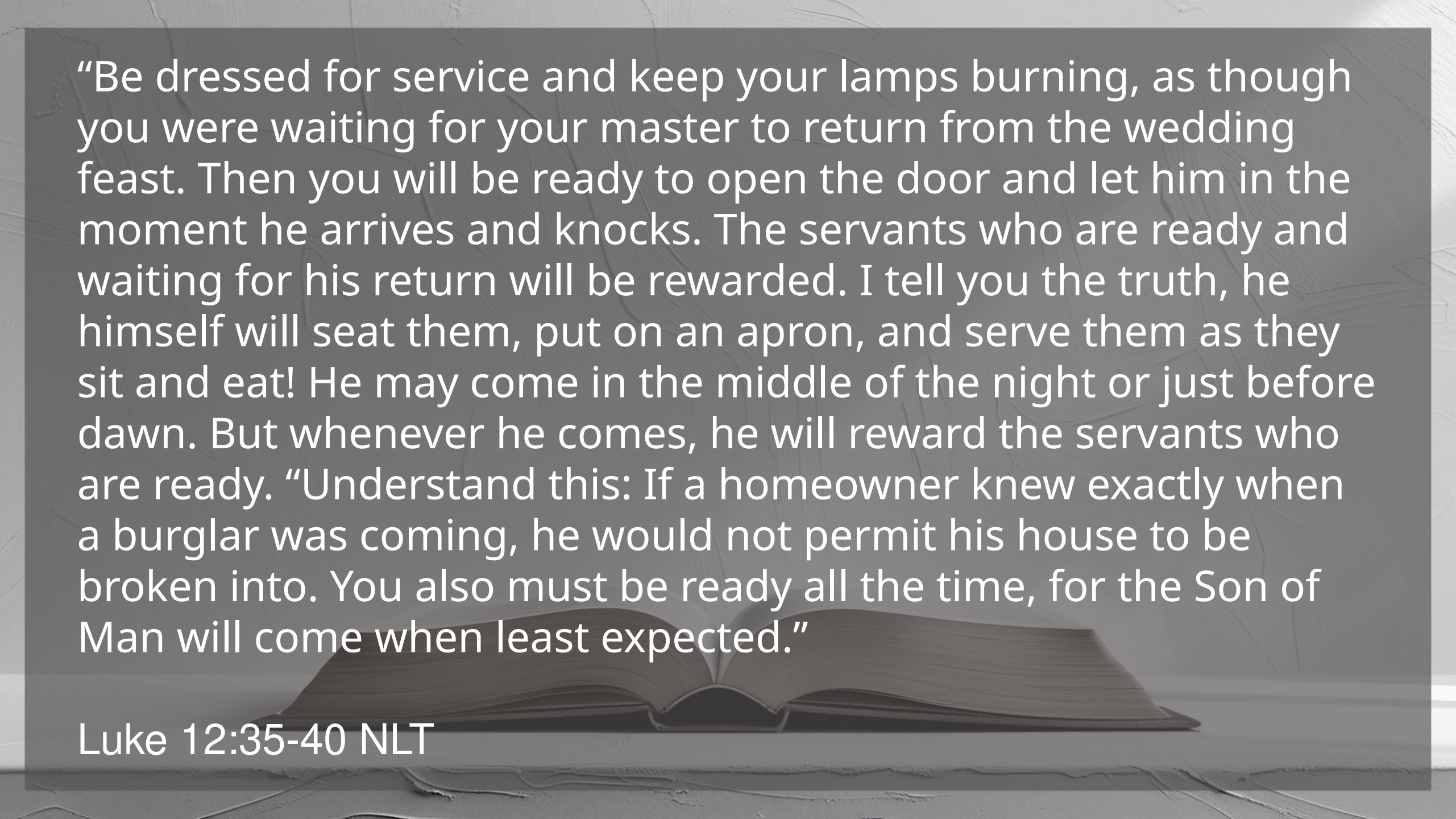
Don’t Miss the Moment







“Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning, as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding feast. Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks. The servants who are ready and waiting for his return will be rewarded. I tell you the truth, he himself will seat them, put on an apron, and serve them as they sit and eat! He may come in the middle of the night or just before dawn. But whenever he comes, he will reward the servants who are ready. “Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would not permit his house to be broken into. You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.”

Luke 12:35-40 NLT

Peter asked, “Lord, is that illustration just for us or for everyone?” And the Lord replied, “A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them. If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward. I tell you the truth, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns.

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Luke 12:41, 48b NLT

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Luke 12:35–36 (NLT)



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Luke 12:48 (NLT)



Readiness Begins with a *Responsive* Heart



“Be dressed for service…”

Luke 12:35a (NLT)



“If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

Matthew 19:21 (NLT)



“But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.”

Matthew 19:22 (NLT)



“So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say?”

Luke 6:46 (NLT)



“But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.”

James 1:22 (NLT)



“For merely listening to the law doesn’t make us right with God. It is obeying the law that makes us right in his sight.”

Romans 2:13 (NLT)



Readiness is Revealed in the *Waiting*



“Keep your lamps burning…”

Luke 12:35b (NLT)



“But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked.”

Matthew 25:10 (NLT)



“Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, ‘Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!’ But he called back, ‘Believe me, I don’t know you!’”

Matthew 25:11–12 (NLT)



“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.”

Galatians 6:9 (NLT)



“So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded.”

1 Thessalonians 5:6 (NLT)



“Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God’s will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.”

Hebrews 10:36 (NLT)



Steps to Apply This Week

1. Obey Quickly – Whatever He's already asked, do it this week.

2. Fill the Lamp – Prioritize walking in the Spirit, engage the Word, communicate with God, and worship daily.

3. Live Ready – Don't treat obedience like a snooze button. Live like He could return tonight.