



*Much*  
**EXPECTED**



“Much will be required of everyone who has been given much. And even more will be expected of the one who has been entrusted with more.”

Luke 12:48 (HCSB)

<sup>15</sup> So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. <sup>16</sup> Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

Ephesians 5:15-16  
(NLT)

What will help us make the most of the opportunity in front of us and live up to the “much expected?”

1. Prayer
2. Risk
3. Surrender
4. Joy
5. Authenticity



Authentic Christians will be **real people** who are honest about themselves with God, with others, and with themselves.

<sup>9</sup> Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:

Luke 18:9-14 (ESV)

**10** “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

Luke 18:9–14 (ESV)



<sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'

Luke 18:9-14 (ESV)



**13** But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

Luke 18:9–14 (ESV)

**14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Luke 18:9-14 (ESV)





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tax collector

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Psalm 90:8

1 John 1:9



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Psalm 139:23–

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“All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed.”

John 3:20 (NLT)

Whoever conceals his transgressions  
will not prosper, but he who confesses  
and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Proverbs 28:13 (ESV)

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

James 5:16 (ESV)



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