



Be Ready When the Master Comes

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“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, 36 and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! 39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Jesus - Luke 12:35-40



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TEXTUAL COMMENTARY:

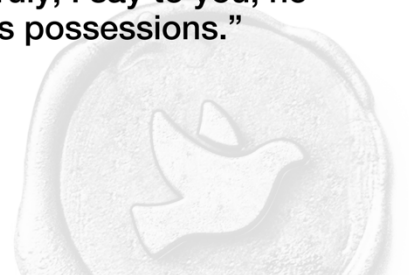
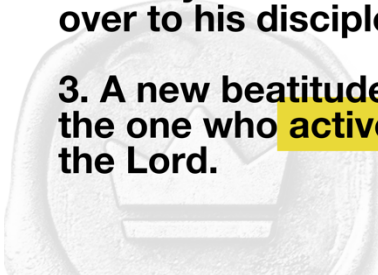
1. As usual, Peter is speaking for the group trying to bring clarity. Jesus does not answer directly. **If the shoe fits, wear it.**

2. Manager or **“steward”** likely related to the church and ministry Jesus intends to turn over to his disciples.

3. A new beatitude: Blessed is the one who **actively** waits for the Lord.

Luke 12:41-44

“41 Peter said, **“Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?”** 42 And the Lord said, **“Who then is the faithful and wise manager,** whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? 43 **Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.** 44 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.”





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TEXTUAL COMMENTARY:

4. It's easy to say this 2,000 years removed from Jesus's departure – **BUT it's a trap!**

5. Building on the rich fool who aimed only to "eat, drink, and be merry" of Luke 12:13-21, Jesus draws a contrast between **readiness and worldliness.**

6. **Bloody punishment** for those given charge to be discipled and make disciples, and fail to be ready when the Master comes.

Luke 12:45-46

"45 But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, 46 the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful."

TEXTUAL COMMENTARY:

7. To the Christians who know better and disregard the will of the Master – **WOE TO YOU!**

8. **Christians** who have heard the will of God and rebel will be punished more severely than those rebels who have not heard.

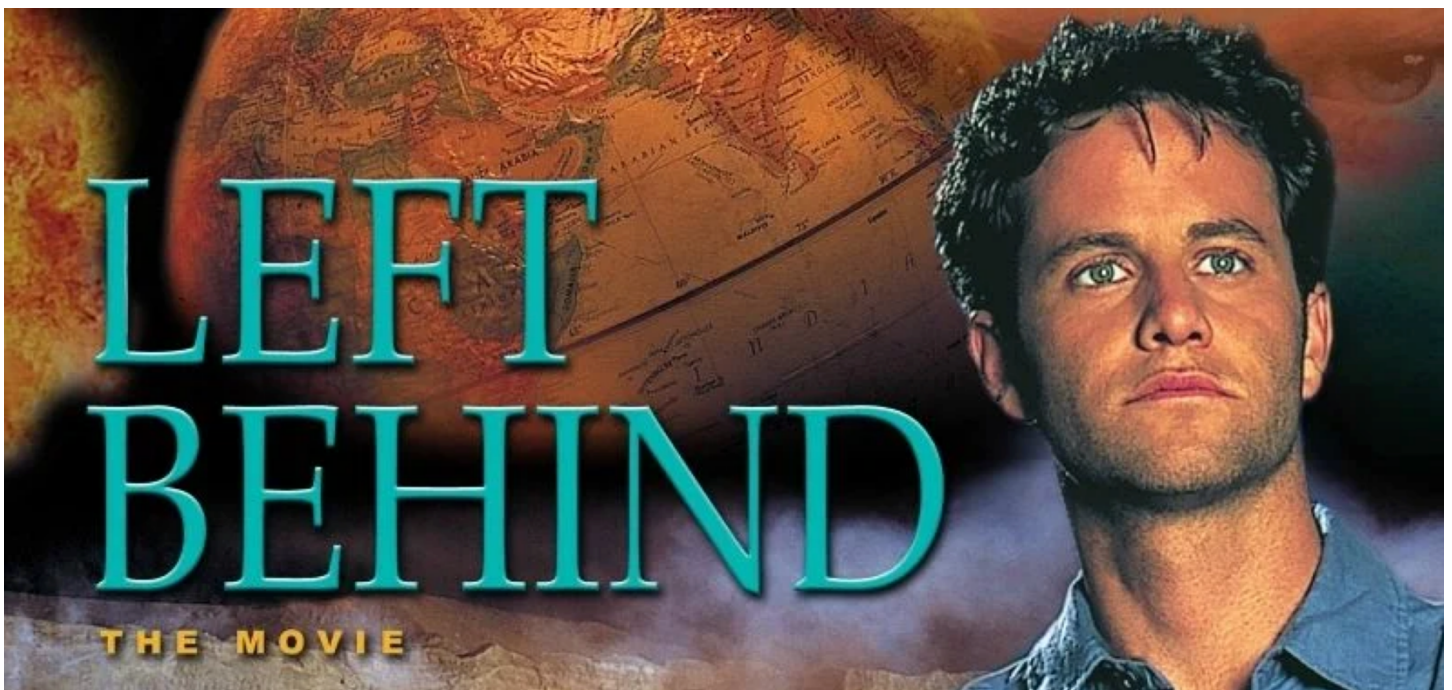
9. **How much have you been given?** "To be ready for the Lord's coming means being faithful in fulfilling the tasks he has given us." - R.T. France

Luke 12:47-48

"47 And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. 48 But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more."



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“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. 35 Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— 36 lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Jesus - Mark 13:32-37





1. Being ready for Christ's return requires intentional living.
2. Being ready for Christ's return requires consistent commitment.
3. Being ready for Christ's return requires rejecting worldliness.
4. Being ready for Christ's return requires joining a faith community.

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