

Faithful and Ready

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Luke 12:35-43, *“Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps lit. ³⁶ Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ Whether he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.*

³⁹ “But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.” ⁴¹ Peter said, “Lord, are You addressing this parable to us, or to everyone else as well?” ⁴² And the Lord said, “Who...is the faithful and sensible steward? ⁴³ Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.”

James 5:8, *“The coming of the Lord is near.”*

1 John 2:18, *“It is the last hour...”*

Revelation 22:20, *“Yes, I am coming quickly.”*

1 Peter 4:7, *“The end of all things is near. Therefore, be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.”*

Those who live with a sense of urgency:

1. Anticipate the Second Coming of Christ.

2. Develop a Fervent Attitude Toward Service

1 Peter 4:8-11, *“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”*