

## **Getting Ready**

**"Jesus Warns about Preparing for His Coming"** Luke 12:35-40

**Luke 12:35-40** "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."

**Matthew 24:32-35** "Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all these things, you can know his return is very near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear."

### **People who are ready...**

#### **ARE NOT HYPOCRITICAL, BUT SINCERE**

**Luke 12:1** Meanwhile, the crowds grew until thousands were milling about and stepping on each other. Jesus turned first to his disciples and warned them, "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees—their hypocrisy.

**1 John 2:6** Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

#### **ARE NOT FEARFUL, BUT READY TO WITNESS**

**Luke 12:8-9** "I tell you the truth, everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, the Son of Man will also acknowledge in the presence of God's angels. But anyone who denies me here on earth will be denied before God's angels.

**Psalms 91:1-2** Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.

#### **ARE NOT WORRIED, BUT TRUSTING**

**Luke 12:25-26** Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? And if worry can't accomplish a little thing like that, what's the use of worrying over bigger things?

**1 Peter 5:6-7** So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

#### **ARE NOT GREEDY, BUT GENEROUS**

**Luke 12:34** Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

**Proverbs 11:24-25** Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

### **Are You Ready?...**

**Luke 12:37** 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!

### **Are You *Really* Ready?**

