



November 12, 2023  
**Ready or Not!**  
Luke 12:35-48

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***What are You talking about, Jesus?***

Notice Peter's question in verse 41

Jesus is talking in the present about a distant future reality

A later teaching of Jesus: see John 14:1-3; 16:5-7,16

An insight into ministry practice of Jesus and His disciples

***Big Idea: It will be good for those...***

...whom the Master finds awake when He comes: 37

...whom the Master finds awake in the second or third watch: 38

...whom the Master finds [managing the household] when He comes: 43

The blessing of **being ready**

***Readiness as Awareness: 35-40***

Keep your lamps burning: 35

Watching, measuring, asking questions, curious, observing, discerning,

Required: staying awake, soberness, concentration

Driving: check your mirrors, listen to your engine, defensive mode

Spiritual: self-awareness, listening for Holy Spirit, discerning subtle signs

***Readiness as Poised/Sprung: 35-40***

Gird yourself for action: 35

A drawn string on a bow

Required: having a plan in place for anticipated scenarios

Driving: two hands on the steering wheel, emergency kit, alternate routes

Spiritual: what would I say/do if..., small obediences, spiritual practices

***Readiness as Up to Date with Responsibilities: 41-48***

Managing the household well: 42-46

Required: sense of purpose, knowledge of assets, discipline to do the work

Driving: regular maintenance, making car payments, using the car for work and chores

Spiritual: Everyone has an evolving purpose: Ephesians 2:10

Experiences, resources, gifts and abilities, relationships

***The Accountability Equation:*** proportionality: 48

***The Blessing of Readiness:*** rest and acknowledgement that counts: 37