Don't Get Fooled by the Status Quo

Luke 12:35-48

Luke 12:35 (ESV)

"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning,

Luke 12:36 (ESV)

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.

Luke 12:37 (ESV)

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.

Luke 12:38 (ESV)

If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants!

Luke 12:39 (ESV)

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.

Luke 12:40 (ESV)

You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Luke 12:41 (ESV)

Peter said, "Lord, are You telling this parable for us or for all?"

Luke 12:42 (ESV)

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?

Luke 12:43 (ESV)

Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.

Luke 12:44 (ESV)

Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.

Luke 12:45 (ESV)

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,

Luke 12:46 (ESV)

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.

Luke 12:47 (ESV)

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.

Luke 12:48 (ESV)

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.

Because Jesus is returning ...

Let's live with anticipation!

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1 Peter 1:13 (ESV)

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Let's live with alertness!

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2 Peter 3:3-4 (ESV)

Knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."

Let's live with allegiance!

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A faithful servant ...

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A false servant ...

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A forgetful servant ...

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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.

A feeble servant ...

Luke 12:48 (ESV)

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.