

WATCHING, PREPARED, & FAITHFUL
Luke 12.35-48

Scripture tells us that one day Jesus will return! Last week Luke showed his readers that while we wait for Jesus' return, he is eager to give his followers access to the kingdom right now in the present, not just the future.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."
Luke 12.32

This week Luke highlights those sayings of Jesus that spoke about his followers being ready for his return, urging them to stay watchful and prepared, like faithful servants awaiting their master's return.

In a few images and parables Jesus mentions 3 times what it will be good for us to be doing while he is away:

It will be good for us ...

⇒ ...to be **WATCHING** for Jesus' **RETURN**.

It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes.
Luke 12.37

⇒ ...to be **EQUIPPED** and **READY** for **SERVICE**.

It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. Luke 12.38

⇒ ...to be **FAITHFUL** in carrying out our **DUTIES**.

It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns.
Luke 12.43

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

2 Timothy 3.1-5

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
Hebrews 10.23-25

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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