

# THE MASTER'S TEACHINGS

**Live Today as if Jesus were Coming Back Tomorrow**

Luke 12:35-48

<sup>35</sup> “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning,<sup>36</sup> like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.<sup>37</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them.<sup>38</sup> 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.<sup>39</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.<sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

<sup>41</sup> Peter asked, “Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everyone?”

<sup>42</sup> The Lord answered, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time?<sup>43</sup> It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns.<sup>44</sup> Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.<sup>45</sup> But suppose the servant says to himself, ‘My master is taking a long time in coming,’ and he then begins to beat the other servants, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk.<sup>46</sup> The master of that servant will come

on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

<sup>47</sup> “The servant who knows the master’s will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows. <sup>48</sup> But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

**I.     The context of God’s love and seeking first the Kingdom**

**II.    The reality that Jesus is coming back**

**III.   How to live today in light of Jesus’ soon return**

**A. Be ready**

**B. Be watching**

**C. Be faithful**

**D. Be obedient**