

The Gospel According To

LUKE

Don't Worry, Be Ready

Luke 12:22-48



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Proverbs 19:15 ¹⁵Laziness casts into a deep sleep, And an idle man will suffer hunger.

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Matthew 6:34³⁴“So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own

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3. Because worrying in and of itself accomplishes nothing (v25)

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Romans 8:32 ³²He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

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 - *Loosen your grip on earthly treasures by giving to others (v33a)*
 - *Tighten your grip on heavenly treasures(v33b)*

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Reflect on where you are building treasures to see the true state of your heart (v34)

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Personal reflections:

- If/when you are in need, are you worrying, or trusting in your Heavenly Father who promises to provide?
- If/when you are not in need, are you seeking material things inappropriately?
- Is your heart pursuing heavenly treasures or earthly treasures?

Be Ready! (vv35-48)

Be loyal and alert servants who are constantly prepared for your Master's return (vv35-38)

- They will be blessed because of their devotion
- They will be served by their master because of his love and joy over them

Consider the possible negative consequences if you are not prepared, and let that help motivate you to get ready (vv39-40)

The faithful and wise servant will be rewarded (vv41-44)

The unfaithful and foolish servant will be punished (vv45-48)

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Personal reflections:

- Are you ready for Christ the Master to return?
- Does your life and preoccupations reflect one who is alert, faithful, diligent, and desiring to please Christ whom you wait expectantly to see?

Titus 2:11–13 ¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, ¹²instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, ¹³looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus