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"Dressed and Ready!"

Luke 12:35-40

1. Be Dressed!

- **Luke 12:35**
- It's Mother's Day, and many ladies dress up for this special day! **Why?** It's a **Special Day!**
- Luke tells us in verse 35 that we are to be dressed and ready!
- **Dressed = Preparedness! Ready! Eagerly Waiting!**
- **Why?** Jesus will return a 2nd time, and we are told to be dressed and ready!
- **Verse 36** – "waiting for your Master to return..." / **Verse 40** – "You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of man (Jesus) will come when least expected."
- **Hebrews 9:28** – "eagerly waiting for Him..."
- **1 Peter 1:13** – Jesus comes back and will reveal Himself to the world! **Revelation 1:7**
- **Fact** – **Verse 36** - You will not open the door to anyone if you are not dressed! That's just logical! No one in their right mind opens their door to someone while in the buff 😊!
- Jesus is telling the people and His disciples to **be DRESSED and READY all of the time!**

2. Keep your Lamps Burning!

- **Luke 12:35**
- Jesus talking about the Salvation (oil) in your life! The Holy Spirit!
- Do not let the oil run out...Holy Spirit of God! Don't do anything to cause a **leak** of God's Spirit to be dripped out or poured out of your life in a sinful way or by not being ready!
- **Your lamp cannot burn without oil and you can't see the Bridegroom without it!**
- **Matthew 25:1-13** – **The Parable of the 10 Bridesmaids!** (5 wise and 5 foolish)
- **The 5 foolish were not ready for the Bridegroom!** Ran out of oil!
- **The oil of Salvation cannot be borrowed from someone else...**you must be saved by your own turning to God, repentance and faith in Christ! **They were not ready!**
- **Luke 12:36** "you were waiting for your Master to return..." / **5 wise were ready!**
- **It is the believers / servants responsibility to meet the Master with burning torches!**
- **Romans 12:11** – "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor!"
- We are to love and serve one another and Christ passionately and with zeal!

- We are never to be lazy, but passionately enthusiastic and excited for the Lord, and teaching others about the Lord! **Corinthians 15:58 / Acts 18:25 – fervent!**
- Spiritual fervor is not emotions! Fervor should never be substituted with emotional response!
- **Godly zeal is not a “roller coaster of emotions!** Godly zeal must be tempered with a solid foundation of Biblical truth and Discernment! Follow the Scriptures!
- Remember, that God is a God of order...not of disorder, chaos or confusion!
- **Galatians 1:13-14** is a warning from Paul and example of Emotion vs. Godly Zeal!
- **From God’s very Creation in Genesis to the local church...**God remains and always is a God of order!
- **People mistake fervor for emotions many times!** It’s easy to get caught up in the flesh like Paul did, and make us **FEEL spiritual** all the while having nothing to do with Jesus.
- **For leaders in the church,** Peter urges ministers to watch over the church according to **Peter 5:2 / 2 Peter 1:10** (Willingly, Eager and Diligent...not emotional as a leader!)
- **Spiritual fervor and emotionalism are two totally separate things!**
- It is only by God’s Spirit, God’s Grace and God’s Word, that we are able to say **NO** to the enticing worldly passions and ungodly ways!
- **Titus 2:11-14** – Paul instructs Titus on what to preach as we wait for Jesus to return!

3. The Reward for being Dressed, Ready and your Lamp Burning!

- **Luke 12:37**
- We will see Jesus face to face! Jesus will seat us and we will eat with Him!
- Revelation 19 is the **“Songs of Victory in Heaven!”** **Revelation 19:6-10 – The Marriage / Wedding Feast of the Lamb...Jesus!** / Worship Jesus and no one or nothing else!
- **John 3:29** – John knows that he is invited to this spectacular event and eternity with Jesus!
- **Matthew 8:11** – Many Gentiles will sit with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob at the feast!
- *What a reward that this will be forever! It is worth it all!!!*
- The **KEY** to all of this is to **be READY!** **Luke 12:38-39 / Matthew 25:6**
- **The 2nd watch** = 9:00PM to Midnight / **The 3rd watch** = Midnight to 3AM (NKJV)
- Here is a very sobering scripture for us today: **John 2:18** – the **LAST HOUR** = **11:00PM to Midnight!** *This is where we are right now!*
- **Point:** WE do not know when He will return and we **MUST** be dressed, Ready and Lamp Burning!
- **FACT:** **Every single day has an 11:00PM to Midnight Hour!**

Closing: You must be ready all the time...Luke 12:40!

- **“You must be ready all the time”** = **“An hour that you do not expect”**
- We must remember that Scripture is **VERY CLEAR** in **Matthew 24:36!**
- **Jesus gives us enough Scripture to BELIEVE!** **Acts 1:9-11 / Revelation 1:7 & 3:11 / Revelation 22:12 / Revelation 22:20**
- What a **PROMISE to the BELIEVER** in **John 14:1-3!**
- **Communion:** **Corinthians 11:23-26** – **“until He comes again!”**