

Today's devotion comes from Luke 12:35-40



“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning,³⁶ 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.³⁷ 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.³⁸ 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.³⁹ 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.⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

This message is twofold. These scriptures tell us that we need to be ready when the Christ returns and it also tell us that what we should be doing while we are waiting on his returns. The word tells us that we should be ready at all times. Our light should be shining at all times. If we are walking in Christ and He coming knocking at the door, we will be ready to open it.

The scriptures are referring to us as servants, which by definition mean we should be doing something.

Servant defined by Webster is, “one that serves others.”

According to the KJV dictionary, servant is defined as, “A person, male or female, that attends another for the purpose of performing menial offices for him, or who is employed by another for such offices or for other labor, and is subject to his command. The word is correlative to master. Servant differs from slave, as the servant's subjection to a master is voluntary, the slave's is not.

The biblical definition also points out that the servant serves voluntarily, unlike slaves.

Therefore, we should be serving others. This requires action. The first thing that came to my mind was mission work. Rather local or globally, we should be serving others.

When Jesus returns, He wants to find us alert, working, and in return He will give us rest at His table and serve us. We will be blessed.

Because we don't know when Jesus will be return, we need to be busy doing the work we have been instructed to do.

And we should keep in mind that He said, “And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matt 25:40

Reflection and Application: Lord, please stay with us and guide us, working in our hearts so that we may be and continue to be convicted to do the work you have for us to do. I also pray that in doing so, many will see you in us as our light shines bright, Amen!