



Don't just get ready, "Be ready!"

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LUKE 12:40 NLT - (40) You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.

Christ's return at an unexpected time is not a trap, a trick by which God hopes to catch us off guard. In fact, God is delaying return so more people will have the opportunity to follow Him (**2 PETER 3:9**). Before Christ's return, we have time to live out our beliefs, and to reflect Jesus' love as we relate to others.

People who are ready for their Lord's return are:

- (1)** Not hypocritical but sincere. **LUKE 12:1**
- (2)** Not fearful but ready to witness. **LUKE 12:4-9**
- (3)** Not worried but trusting. **LUKE 12:25, 26**
- (4)** Not greedy but generous. **LUKE 12:34**
- (5)** Not lazy but diligent. **LUKE 12:37**

May our lives be more like Christ's so that when He comes, we will be ready to greet Him joyfully.

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 39:4

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Smile by faith when you can't smile by feelings.