

Ready to Leave in a Second

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Gal. 6:9 *Let us not be weary in well doing*

1 Being ready to leave when Jesus returns means trusting Him and being faithful to follow His instructions. It means to always give Him all the glory for everything He inspires us to say, do, and decide.

2 After reading 65 Books we come to the last with an angel AV Revelation 14:7 *“Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”*

3 We are living at a time just *before* Jesus returns—How *should* we be living? What *attitudes* should we be having? How should we be *treating* people around us?

4 Jesus arrives in a split-second AV Matthew 24:44 *“Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”*

5 Are we waiting, watching, and ready to leave? Are we trusting God to prepare us? NIV

Luke 12:35 *“Be dressed **ready** for service and keep your lamps burning,*

6 *36 like men **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.”*

7 It is like getting ready to go somewhere important—we should be *ready* to open the door for Jesus immediately.

8 Knowing that He can arrive *suddenly* means living His Truth continuously and trusting God every *minute* for a right attitude toward *everything*.

9 WEY Luke 12:43 *“Blessed is that servant whom his Master when He comes shall find so **doing**.”*

10 Being ready to leave means being *alert*, *watching*, and *ready* to go with someone. Jesus wants our attitude to be just like that—every day and all day! Matthew 24:44 *“for in such an hour as ye **think not** the Son of man cometh.”*

11 When an important phone call is received, we do not want our battery red-lining—we need to have it fully charged.

12 How much more important *is* it that since the *arrival* of Jesus could be in a *split-second*, we should be *ready to leave* with Him every second!

13 With world news what it is today, we could have a *Bible* in one hand and an *iPad* in the other—it could all happen so quickly.

14 The Middle East is a powder keg with a short fuse—ready to blow in a moment!

15 Many things tell us that this is the end of the End Times—earthquakes, famine, rampant crime, nation against nation, antisemitism, and so many more.

16 When getting ready for a vacation, we pack our luggage the day before and by the door to be ready to leave. *That* is the thought

behind *having your lamps burning*—be ready to go out the door immediately!

17 Being ready in the *blink of an eye* means spending more time reading prophetic verses. It means being interested in our spiritual concerns.

18 We should not be ashamed of anything we are *doing* or *viewing* or *reading* if Jesus knocked on the door. *This event I’m attending; This book I’m reading; The music I’m listening to; or The activity I’m involved with—Would I be ashamed if Jesus returned suddenly!*

19 If the answer is *Yes*, or even *Well, maybe*—then we should *change* our plans.

20 If we could *not* ask for God’s blessing on the plans we have for that evening, then *change* those plans. If we could not ask Jesus to go with us, we need to find another *concert* to attend.

21 If we really *believed* that Jesus is returning suddenly and would take us by complete surprise, then we should make some *big changes* in our entertainment choices; our leisure-time activities; the friends we select; the music we listen to, and our conversations in general.

22 It is being *ready* and *looking* AV Luke 12:36 *“like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him **immediately**.”*

23 To be *awaiting* for Jesus is to be *treating* our family and friends as Jesus told us to treat them. AV Luke 6:31 *“As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.”*

24 If we expect some out-of-town relatives to visit that we have not seen for a long time, we will be looking out the window when they text us that they are 10 minutes away. As they

walk up the steps, we open the door and meet them with handshakes and hugs.

25 It is to be *that* way waiting for *Jesus*—*not being fearful* and *not dreading* His return due to *not being ready* or *not having* a right attitude about something.

26 We should looking *forward* to His arrival with *great* anticipation—ready to meet and greet Him! AV Luke 12:43 “*Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.*”

27 We will be *blessed* if we are living God’s *Truth*—not just *talking* about faith in Him—but really *living* by faith in Him and *trusting on* His atoning sacrifice to *forgive* our sins, *heal* our afflictions, and *change* our attitudes! It is to *walk the talk* every day!

28 AV James 2:20 “*Wilt thou know, O vain [foolish NKJV] man, that faith without works is dead?*”

29 If *watching* for Jesus is the evidence of *faith* in Him, then *obeying* His commands is the evidence of *acting* faith in Him.

30 *Watching, waiting, and looking* for Jesus compels us to ask God to *prepare* us every day—by using every opportunity to meet things in a Christlike way through the help of His Holy Spirit within.

31 Depending on Jesus for success enables us to *talk, act, and treat* people in a way that would be a scriptural example for the children, for co-workers, and others.

32 It is *walking the talk* and *living the Truth*—it is being ready to *leave* in a *split-second*!

33 In contrast to a believer *watching* and *ready* to go with the Master, is the *unprepared* servant who was *not* watching and *not* ready—and was taken by *complete surprise* by the Lord’s return.

34 He was *not looking* for Him so he would *not be going* with Him! Luke 12:45.

35 Such a person would *not* be living God’s *Truth*; they have *trespassed* onto forbidden territory; they have taken the *attitude* of the *world*; and they have *swerved* from the narrow path.

36 They would have allowed the *devil* to discourage them and to make them *weary* of doing the right thing—which is trusting God every day for every life issue.

37 AV Galatians 6:9 “*Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*”

38 Satan will constantly tempt us to be *discouraged*; *depressed*; and *dejected* in whatever way he can—but we are to *reject* negative thoughts, because we *know* they are from him—and there is *no* truth in him ever.

39 If Satan influences us to *ignore* spiritual concerns—like the man Luke 12:45 “*My master is delaying his coming*” so he allowed himself to be complacent...

40 NKJV 46 “*The master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.*”

41 That is a *very* serious result and even *worse* fate—all because he was *not ready*; because he was *not watching*; and because he *allowed* the devil to move him away from the narrow path of trusting God to *change* his attitude.

42 Instead of being like the complacent servant, we must allow *God* to *prepare* us for His Son’s surprise return.

43 It is more than *saying* we are a believer—it is actually *believing* and *doing* the will of the Father—*listening* to His instructions

and *depending* on His Holy Spirit to empower us each day to trust Him.

44 Our treatment of people around us is an indicator if we are taking Christlike attitudes seriously or not.

45 Meeting things and people according to His Word is a choice on our part. It is possible to change from what we *were* to what we must *be*—because our sins, mistakes, and failures of the past are all *out* of the way.

46 Specific instructions on *living* is AV Romans 13:11 “*Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.*”

47 12 *The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armour of light.*”

48 It’s a decision to walk in the spiritual *light* God has given. We *should* act decently and honestly toward everyone, of course—then...

49 NLT Romans 13:13 “*Everyone can approve of our behavior. Don’t participate in wild parties and getting drunk, or in adultery and immoral living, or in fighting and jealousy.*”

50 There are consequences to making wrong decisions.

51 There is a *better* way 14 “*Let the Lord Jesus Christ take control of you, and don’t think of ways to indulge your evil [sinful] desires. Let us walk honestly, as in the day.*”

52 *Ready to Leave* with the Master *in a split-second*!

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