



WHAT TO DO WHILE YOUR LIFE IS HAPPENING "Keep Your Wits About You" Luke 12:35-48

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I. Further Instructions. vv. 22-34

- A. How to be rich toward God.
 - 1. Understand who God is. v. 32
 - a. Shepherd who provides.
 - b. Father who cares.
 - c. King who reigns.
 - 2. Seek His kingdom.
 - a. You seek it—not what pagans seek.
 - b. He is pleased to give it to you.
- B. What to do about your worries.
 - 1. They are earth-bound.
 - 2. God knows what you need.
 - 3. Your worrying won't change anything.
 - 4. God looks after creatures much inferior to you.
 - 5. The kingdom relates to these earth-bound issues.
- C. Set your priorities right.
 - 1. Show your commitment to the kingdom.
 - a. By selling.
 - b. By giving.
 - 2. Show you understand eternal economies.
 - 3. Show where your heart is really centered.

II. Two Illustrations. vv. 35-4a

- A. The man who went to a wedding.
 - 1. He returned late.
 - 2. His servants were on the job.
 - 3. He gave them special treatment.
- B. The thief who does not send a postcard.
 - 1. He takes you by surprise.
 - 2. So will the Son of man.

III. Another Interruption. v. 41

- A. Peter asked, "Is this teaching just for us, or for everyone?"
- B. Jesus answered indirectly by asking a question!

IV. A Clarification. vv. 42-48

- A. Life is a stewardship.
- B. Stewards are expected to be "faithful and wise."
- C. Faithful stewardship brings eternal reward.
- D. Unfaithful stewardship evidence of unbelief.
- E. Privilege and responsibility are related.
- F. Responsibility and accountability go together.

Points to ponder: Am I focused on the kingdom? Do I understand privilege and responsibility? Am I actively on the job?