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## Ready or Not

Matthew 24:42-51

*42 Therefore be alert, since you don't know what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this: If the homeowner had known what time the thief was coming, he would have stayed alert and not let his house be broken into. 44 This is why you are also **to be ready**, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

THE RETURN

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Matthew 24:42-51

*45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give them food at the proper time? 46 Blessed is that servant whom the master finds doing his job when he comes. 47 Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. 48 But if that wicked servant says in his heart, 'My master is delayed,' 49 and starts to beat his fellow servants, and eats and drinks with drunkards, 50 that servant's master will come on a day he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know. 51 He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

THE RETURN

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### THE FAITHFUL AND WISE SERVANT

Matthew 24:45-47

*45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give them food at the proper time? 46 Blessed is that servant whom the master finds doing his job when he comes. 47 Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.*

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You Never Stop Serving

Wisdom and Knowledge Are Not the Same Thing  
Knowledge Can Be Attained by Education  
Wisdom Comes From God

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### THE FAITHFUL AND WISE SERVANT

Obey His Master

Matthew 24:45-47

*45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, **whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give them food at the proper time?** 46 Blessed is that servant whom the master finds doing his job when he comes. 47 Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.*

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### THE FAITHFUL AND WISE SERVANT

Provides Others Food

Matthew 24:45-47

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The Church

The Word of God

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**THE FAITHFUL AND WISE SERVANT**  
 Receives More Responsibility

Matthew 24:45-47

*45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give them food at the proper time? **46 Blessed is that servant whom the master finds doing his job when he comes.** **47 Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.***

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**THE WICKED SERVANT**

Matthew 24:48-51

*48 **But if THAT wicked servant** says in his heart, 'My master is delayed,' **49 and starts to beat his fellow servants, and eats and drinks with drunkards,** **50 that servant's master will come on a day he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know.** **51 He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.***

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**Ready or Not**  
**THE WICKED SERVANT**  
 Stops Expecting His Master's Return

Matthew 24:48-51

*48 **But if THAT wicked servant** says in his heart, 'My master is delayed,' **49 and starts to beat his fellow servants, and eats and drinks with drunkards,** **50 that servant's master will come on a day he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know.** **51 He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.***

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**THE WICKED SERVANT**  
 Lives Only for Self

Matthew 24:48-51

*48 **But if THAT wicked servant** says in his heart, 'My master is delayed,' **49 and starts to beat his fellow servants, and eats and drinks with drunkards,** **50 that servant's master will come on a day he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know.** **51 He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.***

"Selfishness Is Really Self-Destruction in Slow Motion."

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**THE WICKED SERVANT**  
 Refuses to Change

Matthew 24:48-51

*48 **But if THAT wicked servant** says in his heart, 'My master is delayed,' **49 and starts to beat his fellow servants, and eats and drinks with drunkards,** **50 that servant's master will come on a day he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know.** **51 He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.***

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**Ready or Not**  
**Personal Applications**  
 Watch for the Return of Jesus

Matthew 24:42

*Therefore be alert, since you don't know what day your Lord is coming.*

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## Ready or Not

### Personal Applications

#### Serve Others

Acts 1:10-11

<sup>10</sup> While he was going, they were gazing into heaven, and suddenly two men in white clothes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, "Men of Galilee, **why do you stand looking up into heaven?** This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you have seen him going into heaven."

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

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