

LUKE 12 vs 32

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Dr. Luke ended the last part of the chapter with Jesus who continued teaching those who gathered around Him: and Jesus just said: that your Father knows what you need so do not be anxious; But rather, **seek the kingdom of God**; and all these little things will be added to you.

³² Fear not, little flock; for your Father has gladly chosen to give you the kingdom.

³³ Sell what you have, and give charitably; provide yourselves with pockets that do not wear out, a treasure in heaven that does not fail, where no thief comes near, nor moth destroys.

³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also — as John Sherberg wrote long ago: it's the heart: that is what it all comes down to — is it fixed and settled and at peace with God; or is it still wandering.

Concerning faithfulness,

³⁵ Let your vital parts be girded about / be ready, and your lamps burning — because the Bridegroom is on His way, and He is excited; be ready, be watching for Him.

³⁶ And you be like those who wait for their Lord, when He returns for the wedding; that when He comes and knocks, they are ready to open for Him immediately.

³⁷ Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He comes will find watching: truly I say to you, be ready, for Him to sit down to eat, and come forth ready to serve Him;

³⁸ whether He comes in the second watch, or the third watch, and so find them ready, blessed are those servants — Dr. Dallas Willard would say, they are marked with God's favor.

³⁹ And know this, that if the head of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have allowed his house to be broken into.

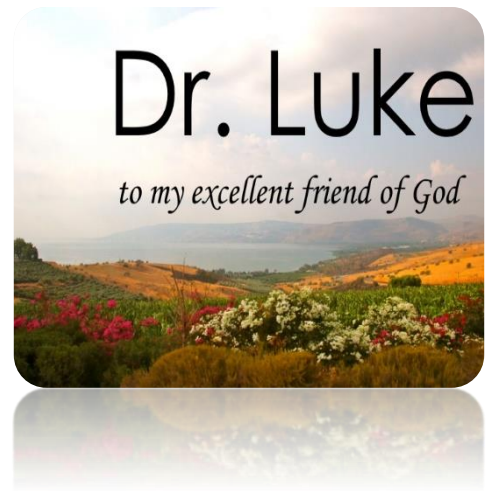
⁴⁰ So you be ready also: for the Son of Man comes at an hour when you do not expect it.

⁴¹ Then Peter said to Him, Lord, do You speak this parable to us, or to everyone else, too?

⁴² And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his Lord will put in charge over His household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time?

⁴³ Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He comes will find so doing.

⁴⁴ Truly, I say to you, that He will put him in charge of all His possessions.



⁴⁵ But if that servant says in his heart, My lord delays His coming; and begins to pound on the fellow servants – men and women, and to eat and drink, and get drunk;

⁴⁶ The Lord of that servant will come on a day he is not watching for Him, and at a time he does not expect, and will cut him in pieces, and will assign him to a place with unbelievers.

⁴⁷ And that servant, who knew the will of his Lord, and did not prepare himself, or do according to His will, that one will be beaten with many stripes;

⁴⁸ but the one who did not know, and did things worthy of a thrashing, will be beaten with few stripes. For to whom much is given, of him much will be required: and to whom men have entrusted with much, of him they will ask all the more.

Concerning divisions and signs,

⁴⁹ **I have come to throw fire on the earth; and how I wish it was already ignited.**

⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo; and how I am squeezed until it is accomplished!

⁵¹ Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, NO! but rather division:

⁵² for from now on there will be five in one divided household, three against two, and two against three.

⁵³ They will be divided, father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.

⁵⁴ And He said also to the multitude, When you see a cloud rise from the west, immediately you say, a shower is coming, and so it occurs.

⁵⁵ And when you see a south wind blow, you say, There will be a scorcher; and it happens.

⁵⁶ **You hypocrites, you know how to discern features of the sky and earth; but how is it you cannot discern the time?**

⁵⁷ Yes, and why don't you judge for yourself what is right?

⁵⁸ As you go with your adversary to the ruler, make an effort to settle while you are on the way, that he doesn't drag you before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the bailiff, and the bailiff throw you into prison.

⁵⁹ **I tell you, you will not leave there, until you have paid the last penny.**