

## **Are you Ready to meet the Lord? Luke 12:40**

People who are ready:

### **I. ARE NOT HYPOCRITICAL BUT SINCERE. Luke 12:1-3**

1. Trying to appear holy when one's heart is far from God.
2. Their selfishness would act like yeast, and soon:
  - a. they would expose themselves for what they really were
  - b. power- hungry impostors, not devoted religious leaders.
3. Each of us must resist the temptation to settle for:
  - a. the appearance of respectability
  - b. when our hearts are far from God

### **II. ARE NOT FEARFUL BUT READY TO WITNESS Luke 12:4-9**

1. Too often we cling to peace and comfort, even at the cost of our walk with God!
2. God's estimate of our worth establishes our true value.
3. **We deny Jesus when we**
  - a. Blend into society and accept our culture's non-Christian values.
  - b. Decide not to speak up for what is right
  - c. Are silent about our relationship with God
4. **We acknowledge him when we**
  - a. Use our life and resources to carry out his desires rather than our own.
  - b. Look for opportunities to share our faith with others
  - c. Love others - helping those who are in need
  - d. Live a moral, upright, Christ-honoring life

### **III. ARE NOT WORRIED BUT TRUSTING Luke 12:22-26**

1. Jesus commands us not to worry! **BUT HOW CAN WE AVOID IT!**  
Only faith can free us from anxiety
2. Worry is pointless –  
because it can't fill any of our needs!
3. Worry is foolish –  
the Creator of the universe loves us and knows what we need.
4. He has promised to meet our need!  
Do you really trust Him?

### **IV. ARE NOT GREEDY BUT GENEROUS Luke 12:34**

Where do you invest your time, money, and energy?

What do you think about most?

1. If you concentrate your money in your business,  
your thoughts will center on your business!
2. If you concentrate your money on pleasure,  
your thoughts will center on pleasure!
3. If you direct your money toward other people,  
you will be concerned about their welfare!

### **V. ARE NOT LAZY BUT DILIGENT Luke 12:35- 38**

Are you ready if the Lord returned right now?

Are you ready if today is your day to go to the Father's home?