

# Are You Ready?

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The New Testament Scriptures are constantly encouraging us as Christians to be ready. “Ready for what?” you ask. Ready for just about anything. Jesus encouraged His followers to be ready for His coming:

*“For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will”* (Matthew 24:44).

Jesus also warned about the danger of not being ready:

*“And that slave who knew his master’s will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes”* (Luke 12:47).

The apostle Paul described his readiness to serve the Lord, no matter what may be required of him:

*Then Paul answered, “What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus”* (Acts 21:13).

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul encouraged the evangelist to constantly be ready:

*Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.* (2 Timothy 4:2).

To Titus, Paul gave this instruction, which Titus was to pass on to the brethren in his work as an evangelist:

*Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed* (Titus 3:1).

Peter gave us this instruction, regarding an area where we always need to be prepared:

*But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence* (1 Peter 3:15).

Are you ready? On a daily basis, opportunities are presented to us to serve, to share the word, to pray, to grow, to comfort another. If we are not ready, we will miss the moment. Let us make sure we are doing all we can to always be prepared.

*“Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready”* (Revelation 19:7).

