

"Ready" - prepared; a state of fitness for action; available right now; set in advance.

1. (Matt. 24:44) "Therefore be ye also ready ..."

Jesus gives 3 examples: 1) (v36-39) "as the days of Noah were"

2) (v43) "had known in what hour the thief would have come"

3) (v45-46) "who then is a faithful and wise servant"

Jesus' conclusion: "watch ... be ye also ready"

2. (Luke 22:33) "I am ready to go with thee, both to prison, and to death"

(Rev. 2:10) "... be thou faithful unto death, and I'll give thee a crown of life."

Peter did have a lapse in readiness (Luke 22:55-62); however, he repented (John 21:18-19).

3. (Acts 21:13-14) "For I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem"

"The will of the Lord be done" - Paul would not die at Jerusalem, but Rome.

(Rms. 12:1-2) Let's all be ready with a "living sacrifice" attitude.

4. (Romans 1:14-16) "I am ready to preach the gospel ..."

Paul considered himself a "debtor."

(2 Tim. 4:2-4) "Preach the word ..."

5. (Titus 3:1) "Put them in mind ... to be ready to every good work"

(James 2:15-17) "... even so faith, if it have not works, is dead, being alone"

In our daily living, we have ample opportunity to involve ourselves in service to others.

6. (1 Tim. 6:18) "ready to distribute" - it's second-mile, add a little more, prepared.

7. (1 Peter 3:15) "be ready always to give an answer ... of the hope that is in you ..."

"sanctify Christ as Lord" - conviction in our heart of our faith.

"ready always" - yes, there will be opportunities.

"answer" - present your faith in a reasonable manner to those who inquire.

"with meekness" - give the substance of your faith without arrogance.

"and fear" - with reverence toward God, striving to present the gospel correctly.