

# Have your loins girded

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## Acts 1:10 (NIV)

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.



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11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”



Luke 12:35

35 “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps  
burning,



1 Kings 18:46

46 The power of the Lord came on Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.



Readiness:

**Exodus 12:11-13**

<sup>11</sup> This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover.

<sup>12</sup>. "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord.

<sup>13</sup> The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.



# How to Gird Up Your Loins



1. The tunic wouldn't allow you to do heavy labor or fight in battle, necessitating the "girding" of one's loins.



2. First, hoist the tunic up so that all the fabric is above your knees. This will give you mobility.



3. Gather all the extra material in front of you, so that the back of the tunic is snug against your backside.



4. Once the excess fabric is gathered in front, pull it underneath and between your legs to your rear. This feels much like a diaper.



5. Gather half of the material in each hand, bringing it back around to the front.



6. Finally, tie your two handfuls of material together, and you're all set for both battle and some hard labor. Go forth, be ye men, and gird up your loins!



1 Peter 1:13

13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.



Luke 12:36

36 like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.



Luke 12:37

37 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them.



Luke 12:38

38 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak.



## Romans 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup> And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.



1 Timothy 4:16

16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.



Luke 12:39

39 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.



A full-page background image showing a deep underwater scene. Sunlight rays (crepuscular rays) penetrate the dark blue water from the top, creating a shimmering effect. Small bubbles and particles are visible in the water.

Luke 12:40

40 You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”



1 Thessalonians 5:2

2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will  
come like a thief in the night.



1 Thessalonians 5:4

4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.



Revelation 16:15  
15 “Look, I come like a thief!



## Matthew 24:44-51

<sup>44</sup> So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

<sup>45</sup> “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? <sup>46</sup> It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. <sup>47</sup> Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. <sup>48</sup> But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, ‘My master is staying away a long time,’ <sup>49</sup> and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards.



## Matthew 24:50

<sup>50</sup> The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. <sup>51</sup> He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.



Luke 12:41

41 Peter asked, “Lord, are you telling this parable to us,  
or to everyone?”



Luke 12:42

42 The Lord answered, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time?”



Luke 12:43

43 It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns.



Luke 12:44

44 Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.



A close-up, underwater view of the ocean surface. Sunlight filters through the water, creating a shimmering effect with many bright, out-of-focus light spots. The water is a deep teal color with visible ripples and small waves.

Luke 12:45

45 But suppose the servant says to himself, 'My master is taking a long time in coming,' and he then begins to beat the other servants, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk.



Luke 12:46

46 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers.



Luke 12:47

47 “The servant who knows the master’s will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows.



Luke 12:48

48 But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.



## Luke 9:23-26

<sup>23</sup> Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. <sup>25</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? <sup>26</sup> Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.



## Luke 21:34-36

<sup>34</sup> “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”



2 Peter 3:14

<sup>14</sup> So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.



## 2 Peter 3:11-12

<sup>11</sup> Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives <sup>12</sup> as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.



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# MINISTRY



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NEXT TIME!**