

Be Moved

“Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Let your waist be girded and [your] lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. Blessed [are] those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down [to eat], and will come and serve them. And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find [them] so, blessed are those servants. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Then Peter said to Him, Lord, do You speak this parable [only] to us, or to all [people]? And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom [his] master will make ruler over his household, to give [them their] portion of food in due season? Blessed [is] that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. But if that servant says in his heart, My master is delaying his coming, and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for [him], and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint [him] his portion with the unbelievers. And that servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare [himself] or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many [stripes]. But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.” (Luke 12:32-48 NKJV)

There should be a real concern for those who to listen repeatedly to the voice of God and are only stirred momentarily. We dare not ignore the moving of God’s Spirit. How many times has conviction gripped your heart, and then reason justified your lack of appropriate response?

It is not enough to be stirred; we must be moved! Difficult as it is to hear words that condemn our actions, and expose our sinful inactions, it will be far more difficult to bear the consequences of the same. As the Scripture says, everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required.

We have been given much. We have the complete canon of Scripture, and we have Christ crucified and risen. What will you do? Will you bury those blessings until the Lord comes? Will you ignore them and hope He never comes? What utter foolishness it is to hear the warning cry and walk about like there is no threat. Yet, we have a tremendous capacity to do just that.

Eventually, God may give you over to your sin. When a man refuses to retain God in his mind then God will let him go (Rom 1.28). If we continue to ignore God’s solemn warnings, His righteous judgment will fall.

Thankfully, there may still be time for repentance. If you have a pattern of being stirred and not moved, pray that God will search you thoroughly to expose all your sins. Then by faith turn away from those sins forever and cling to the Lord for the rest of your life.

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