

## Living a Christ-Centered Life

### LESSON 12: Always Ready and Prepared

#### Questions to consider:

1. Do you think it is possible for a Christ-centered Christian to be prepared for whatever comes their way in life?
2. How can we be more prepared to live the life of a disciple?

#### Word Study Challenge: What do these words mean in the context?

V.1 "Guard" or "Beware"

V.1 "Yeast" or "Leaven"

#### Read the following excerpts from Luke 12. What do these passages teach about a Christ-centered life that is prepared and ready?

*1 Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.*

*2 There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.*

*4 I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. 5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.*

*8 I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God. 9 But he who disowns me before men will be disowned before the angels of God.*

*11 When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, 12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.*

*15 Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.*

*22 Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. 23 Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes....31 But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.*

*35 Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, 36 like men waiting for their master to return 40 You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.*

*51 Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. 52 From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three...*