





# PARABLES

PARABLE OF  
THE RICH  
FOOL



PARABLE OF  
THE  
SHREW D  
MANAGER





# On the road with Jesus

## Luke 11-18: Seven Chapters to Jerusalem

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**Kingdoms in Conflict**

**Humanity in and out of Harmony**

**End Times**

**Jesus to Jerusalem**

**Teaching & the Status Quo**



So far, in Luke 11 &  
12 Jesus has  
focused on the  
**mouth** and the  
**heart...**

What comes next?



# Part 3: Treasures

Luke 12:13-48

# Outline

1. Abundance is not the Answer

2. Outshining Solomon

3. When we are Entrusted



*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

*Luke 12:34*

# 1. Abundance is not the Answer



- Nvidia, Samsung, & Hyundai CEOs had a chicken supper together on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> in Seoul. They bought everyone's dinner and shared food...
- They are worth \$197 Billion USD between the three of them!
- Let's do some calculations... how much chicken can \$19.7 Billion (10%) buy?
- I checked and the dinner costs about \$20 US, so approximately 1 billion.
- 1 billion one meter wide tables would stretch...

🌕 Moon > Distance to Earth :

384.4 million m



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🌟 AI Overview

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The moon is an average of about 384,400,000 meters ( $3.84 \times 10^8$  meters) from Earth, which is approximately 238,855 miles or 384,400 kilometers. The distance varies because the moon's orbit is not a perfect circle, so it is sometimes closer and sometimes farther away. 🌕

The Earth's circumference is approximately 40,075,017 meters at the equator and 40,007,863 meters when measured through the poles. The equatorial measurement is slightly longer because the Earth bulges at the equator due to its rotation. 🌐



- 384,000,000 meters to the moon... so, to the moon, and back, and about half way to the moon again (2.6 trips to the moon with 1 meter wide seating. 🤔🌕👉)
- Or, 25 times around the earth—tables with 1 meter wide seating.

## Let's look at the text... *Luke 12:13-26*

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

<sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

<sup>18</sup> "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"



<sup>20</sup> “But God said to him,  
‘You fool! This very night  
your life will be demanded  
from you. Then who will  
get what you have  
prepared for yourself?’

<sup>21</sup> “This is how it will be  
with whoever stores up  
things for themselves but  
is not rich toward God.”



Jesus emphasizes that  
external abundance cannot  
replace an inner  
relationship with God

## Do Not Worry

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples:

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear.

<sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup> Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? <sup>26</sup> Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

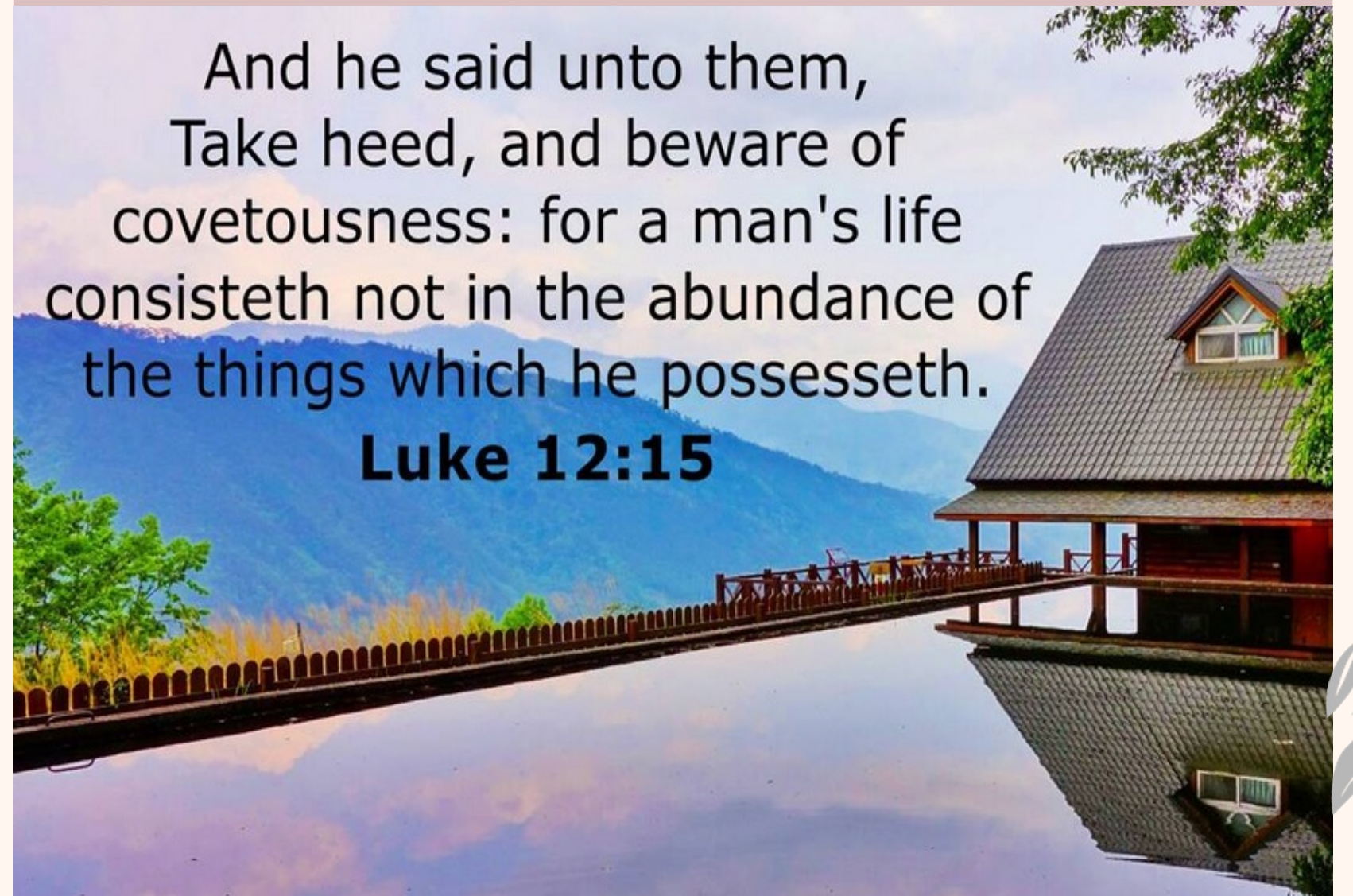


# Does this apply to us?

- Greed works against us... *“life does not consist in an abundance of possessions”*
- Nothing can prevent God calling us home to heaven
- Jesus implies a deficiency in the parable...
- We are valuable to God and He will provide for us—*more than the birds...* 

And he said unto them,  
Take heed, and beware of  
covetousness: for a man's life  
consisteth not in the abundance of  
the things which he possesseth.

**Luke 12:15**



## 2. Outshining Solomon

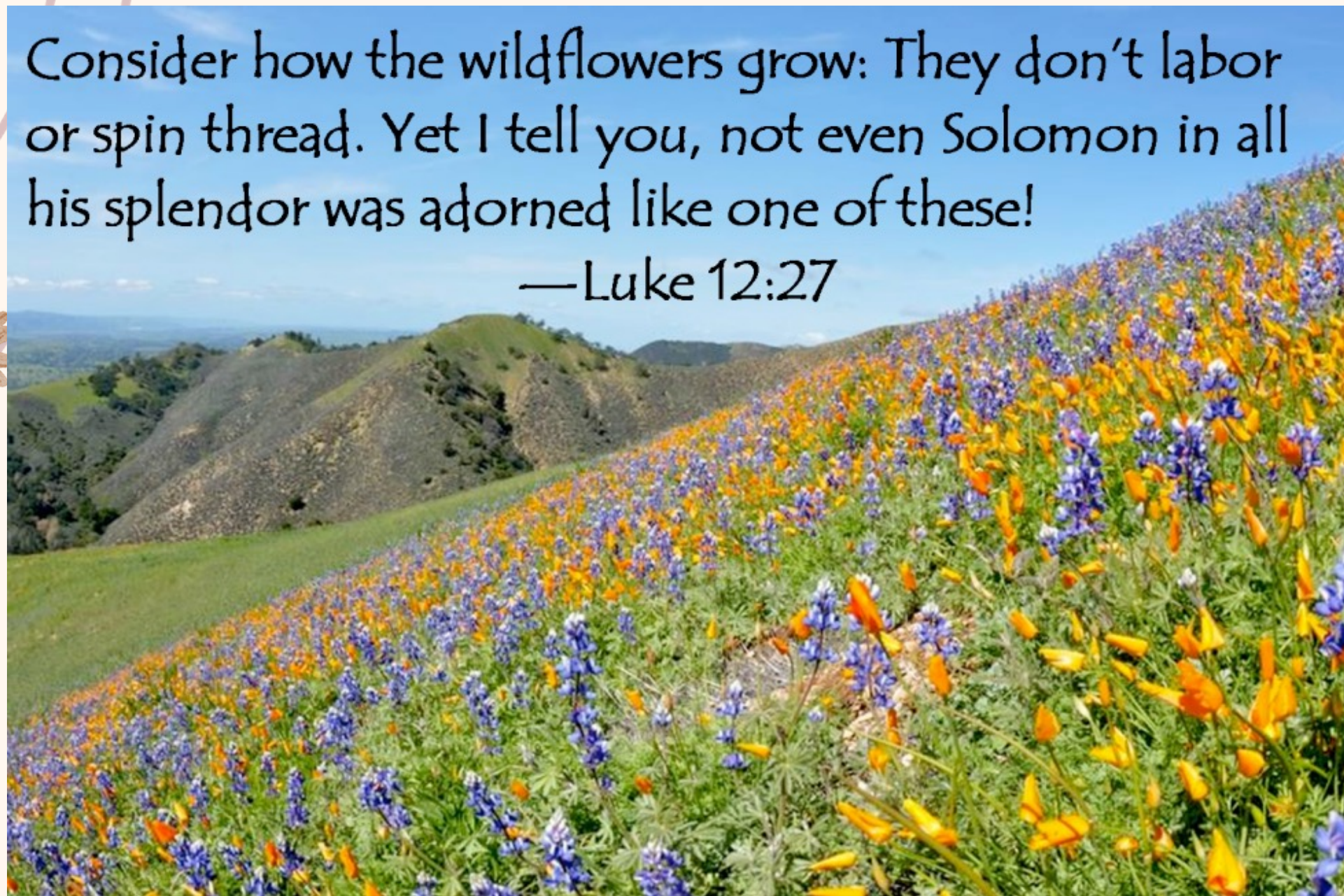


- Again in Luke, Jesus refers to King Solomon, a remarkable figure the people revered.
- Let's look at the next verses: Luke 12:27-34...

<sup>27</sup> “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!



Consider how the wildflowers grow: They don't labor or spin thread. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was adorned like one of these!  
—Luke 12:27



**For where your treasure is  
there your heart will be also**

Luke 12:34 NKJV



<sup>29</sup> And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it.

<sup>30</sup> For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

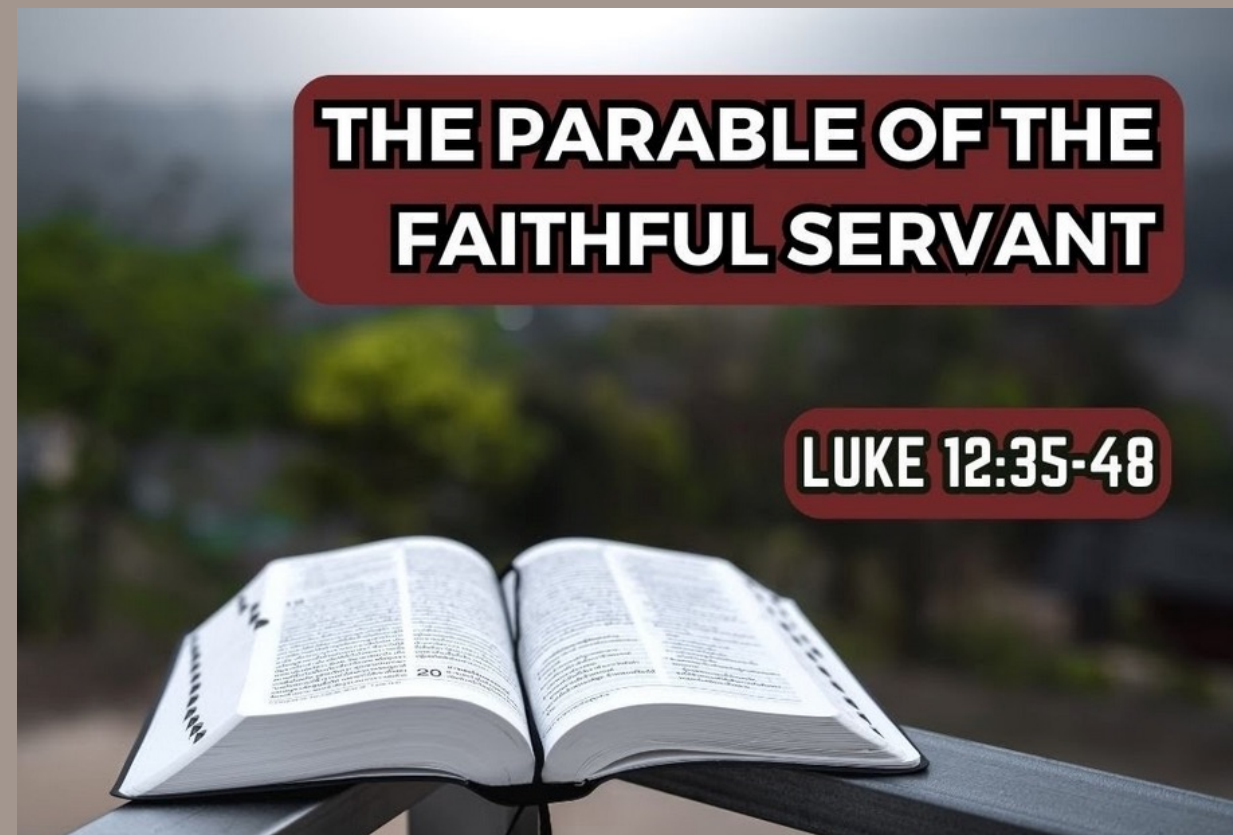


# What do we learn?

- God creates beauty all around, more than Solomon
- We need faith, not worry
- The pagans do not trust and chase after things...
- God knows and protects our treasure in heaven, and encourages generosity here on earth
- Our hearts will be with our treasures...

“SO I TELL YOU TO **STOP WORRYING** ABOUT WHAT YOU WILL EAT OR WEAR. LIFE IS MORE THAN FOOD, AND THE BODY IS MORE THAN CLOTHES.”

### 3. When we are Entrusted



- Now Jesus turns to challenge his disciples...
- *Let's read Luke 12:35-48*



<sup>35</sup> “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> 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. <sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> 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.



<sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.” <sup>41</sup> Peter asked, “Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everyone?”

<sup>42</sup> 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? <sup>43</sup> It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. <sup>44</sup> Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.



<sup>45</sup> 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. <sup>46</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. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

<sup>47</sup> "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. <sup>48</sup> 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.



# What is trustworthiness?

- *Two features here...*
  1. Be ready when he returns (and his coming is unexpected)
  2. Be busy for Jesus until he comes (there is punishment for the unworthy one)
- There is a clear expectation from God! (and it varies person to person)



*God Cares for You*



## Conclusions & Takeaways

*A section about trust, relationship,  
and responsibility...*

*A focus on the World, Heaven, and  
the Kingdom...*

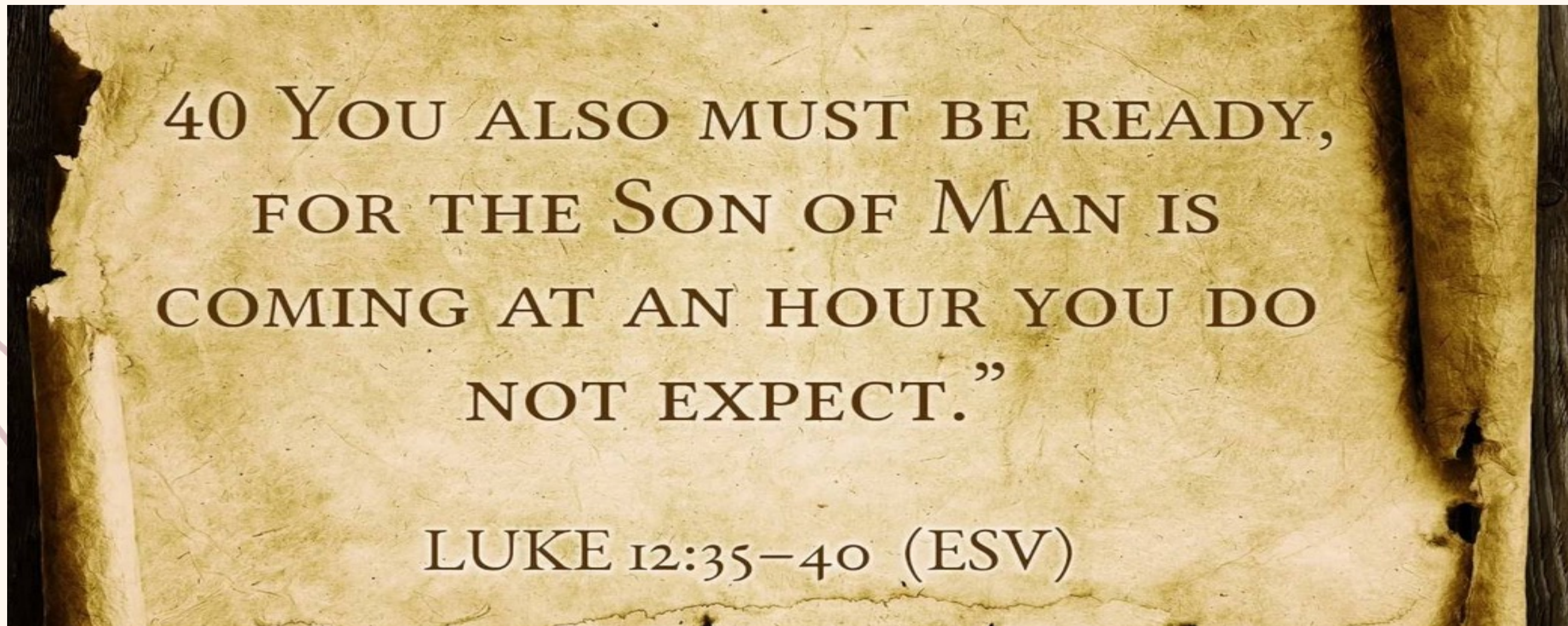


## *Key Ideas Here...*

- ❖ 1. Material in the **World**
- ❖ Greed and trust in God are opposites...
- ❖ Abundance is illusionary
- ❖ 2. Relationship in **Heaven**
- ❖ We are valuable to God, special, and he looks after us... it is better for us to be generous as his followers
- ❖ He protects our treasures in heaven—our hearts will be with our treasures...



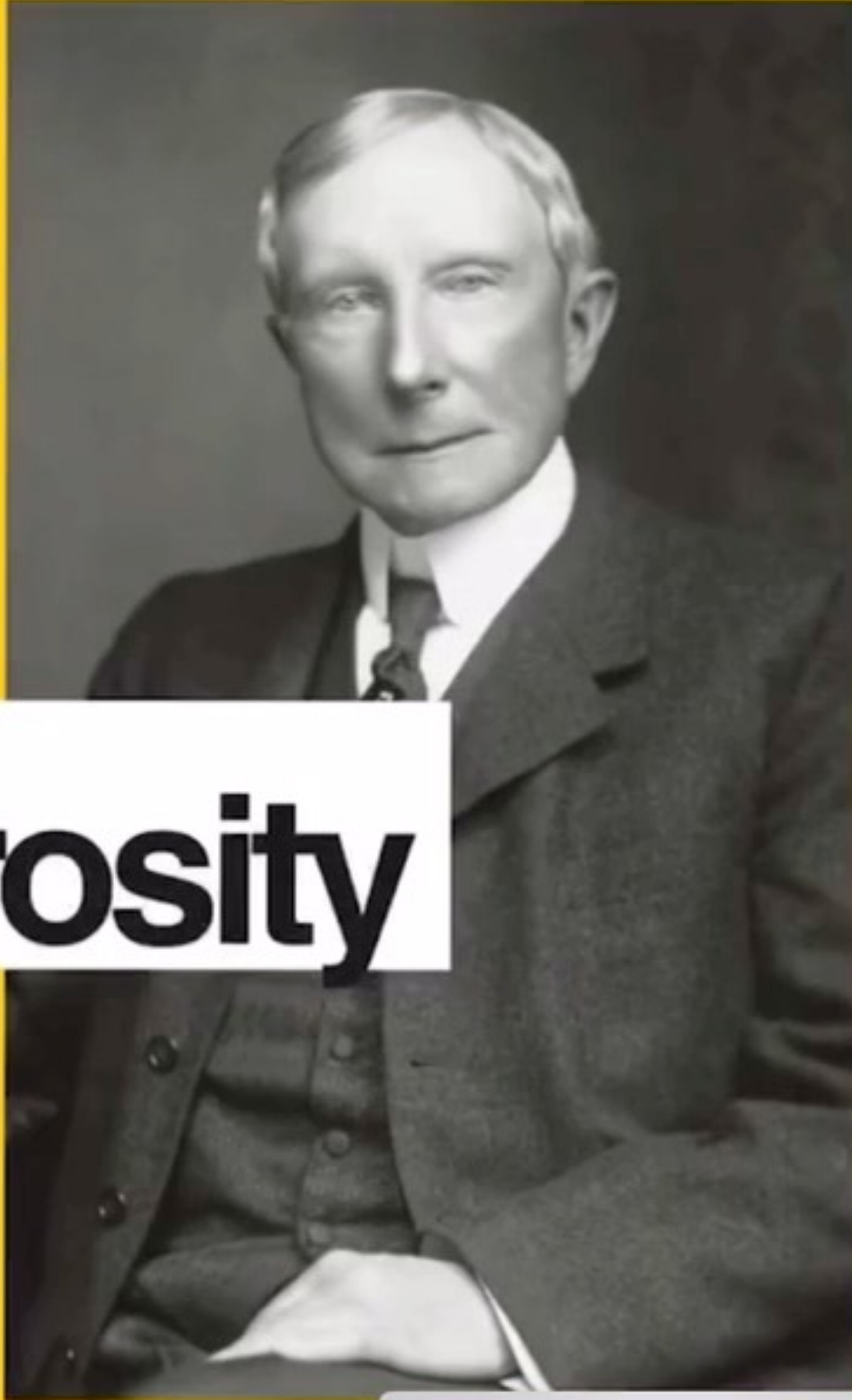
- ❖ 3. Responsibility in the Kingdom
- ❖ It matters how we watch for the returning King
- ❖ It matters how we serve as Kingdom citizens
- ❖ Trustworthiness is a high privilege and calling...



The Life of John D. Rockefeller

The  
Power  
of

Generosity





The Son of Man is coming  
at an hour you do not expect.

*Luke 12:40*

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