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when, therefore you are to do this. He has repeatedly given it. Why has He given it? Why does He make these statements? It would be just as good an argument for effective service over a long period if He hadn't said these things. Why does He so often say, "Watch, for you know not when He comes, lest coming suddenly He finds you sleeping. What is the point of it if it isn't an argument for ceaseless, constant vigil? I mean, I don't see why He should bother to tell us that. I think the other arguments you mention are excellent but I think just as much if these things were never said, and when we find them said so often in the New Testament, and we find the evangelists, three of them, quoting it, each of them several times, the stress that we don't know when and therefore we are to be ready, I don't know what the point of it is if we really do know that it won't be until after a certain time, and I'd just like to say a word about the illustration of the boy again, not by way of argument but to try to see its considerations. If the mother said to the boy, "Now, you be careful. You keep your suit clean today. You be a good boy today because your daddy-- we may get a letter any time and then within two or three days Daddy's going to be here, and the little boy was awfully good all day, and all day he was very careful not to get dirty, and he watched himself all day, and the night came, and he said, "Mama, Daddy didn't come today, did he?" And she says, "NO, we didn't get the letter even," and then the next morning he got up and his mother said, "Now you keep yourself clean for Daddy. You be real good today, because Daddy may come and we don't know when he is coming. As soon as we get that letter he will be here in two or three days," and then all day the boy was real good, and at night he said, "Daddy didn't come" and she said, "No, we haven't got the letter yet," and the next morning she said, "Now, you be real good today and keep yourself clean because just as soon as we get that letter we know he is coming in two or three days."

After a week or two of it the argument would lose its force with the little