

R 6

they don't get there until five in the afternoon and I have been unable to do the things I have felt like because I have been watching for them and had my good clothes on and my overcoat ready to put on, it makes me awfully disgusted, and if you tell me you are coming for me at eight at night and show up at nine, about the fourth time you do it I am going to stop watching for you at all. I hate it. I hate being in readiness for a thing when it isn't going to come. Well, now if I know that it is not going to be until after ten at night I am not going to start getting ready at six. I'm going to wait until 9:30. I think that is human nature, so I don't see how, I don't see what the point is of these passages if He doesn't mean, "You don't know now but what He is coming now." Student--

Supposing, for example, that I were a farmer, and I would tell a worker, "Now you be ready. You work diligently all day long for I might come back at three and inspect your work, and see what you've done or I might come back at six and see what you've done!" but if he should see my car coming across the field, say he could see it at five o'clock or actually before I got there, that he could see signs of my coming, that he would stop working those last five minutes, well, certainly he could not show me what he had been doing all afternoon, but he should be working constantly, never knowing when I would return. He might see signs of my coming and yet he want to would/have work so much done the whole day that when I did return unexpectedly to him that he would have something to show for it even though he did not know exactly the minute, even if he did know that--if I said, "Now seven, or certain five minutes before I come you'll see a/ sign, then if I come without his knowing that there will be a sign, for instance if I came which would not stop him from wanting to be ready all the time, but I say even if there were some little sign before I came; that is our Christian life is not something which can be changed then start doing it, we will live our whole life

Dr. MacRae--but that argument would