



**Building of the Spiritual Life(7):  
Be on your guard for the kingdom is at hand  
Code: 11/SP/7**

**1. General Aims of the unit**

To explore the basics of the spiritual life and how to practice

**2. Special aims of the lesson**

1. To explore the meaning of the “kingdom of heaven” or “kingdom of God”
2. To highlight why the Lord started His Mission by “Repent because the kingdom of God is at hand”( Matt. 4:17);John the Baptist did the same (Matt. 3:2) ; and also the instruction of our Lord to His Disciples was the same “preach, saying, `The kingdom of heaven is at hand.”(Matt. 10:7)
3. To explore the restrictions that postponed my readiness to the kingdom of God.
4. To stress on some spiritual means that lead me to be ready for the kingdom of God either here or at the end of the world.

**3.Outcomes**

**By the end of this lesson the teens are able to:**

1. Debate the correct meaning of “Kingdom of God” and “Kingdom of heaven”
2. Tell some parables about “be ready for the kingdom” and apply the major theme of each of them on the practical life we live now.
3. List number of decisions he/she will take and promise the Lord to practice in the new year .

**4.Verses:** Matt. 3:2 , 4:17 , 10:7 ;22:1-14 ; 25:1-13 ; 25:14-30 ; Luke 12:32-40 ,18:9-14

**5.References:**

1. The Life of Repentance	H.H. Pope Shenouda III
2. The Spiritual Man	H.H. Pope Shenouda III
3. Commentary on Matthew	Rev. Fr. Tadros Malaty