



"Dressed and Ready!" Part 2

Luke 12:41-48 - Parable of the Faithful Steward!

1. Parable of the Faithful Steward!

- Luke 12:41 – Peter asks a question!
- Luke 12:42 – Jesus gives the answer!
- Luke 12:43 – Jesus gives more of the answer!
- At the end of your life, Matthew 25:21 shows and says “Well, done My **GOOD** and **FAITHFUL** servant!” *Jesus said that!*
- Verse 42 – “Who then is the **faithful** and sensible/wise servant...”
- When you look in verse 48, you see that “*someone is given much, much will be required*” / “*from the one who has been entrusted with much, much MORE will be asked.*”
- **Jesus** = Master! **Men and women, boys and girls** = Entrusted with the Gospel...the Good News of Jesus Christ...to be **FAITHFUL** with ALL that has been given to you by God!
- We are to be **faithful managers** of what God has entrusted and given to us! We are to manage the **Time, Treasures and Talents** that God has given to us!
- Right now, Jesus is not here on earth! **He is in Heaven!** Acts 1:9-11!
- In the Master’s absence and promised return, we are to give **our BEST** for the Lord in representing Him!
- **Daniel 5:12** and **Daniel 6:3!** This is the zeal, fervor and excellent spirit that we are to have! *Daniel represented the Lord with excellence with his life privately and publicly!*
- **FACT:** There will be the **Master’s BLESSING** for those that are found **Good and Faithful** when He returns! Jesus says this!

2. The consequences of not being ready and thinking Jesus is delayed in his return!

- **Verse 45**
- **What happens to the person** who gets his or her eyes off of Jesus returning again?
- **You become selfish again!** Your eyes are only on you, what you think others have done to you and **you turn on them and BEAT them with your words and actions!**
- The wicked person’s unfaithfulness begins to kick in and **CRUEL BEHAVIOR** starts! Yes CRUEL!
- You will begin to turn against other believers, say and do harsh things towards other believers and have become someone **out of control!** (Opposite of Galatians 5:22-23)
- **Example:** Even the people in the church can do **CRUEL things!** Malachi 2:10-16

- **Verse 16** – “to divorce your wife is to **OVERWHELM** her **with CRUELTY!**”
- **People IN the church** will begin to do CRUEL things, say CRUEL things and behave in CRUEL ways towards others **WHEN** they DISMISS the FACT that Jesus can return any moment! *They begin to live like He is not!*
- The scary thing in **verse 47**, is that this person who does these things and acts these ways will receive **SEVERE PUNISHMENT**...not GRACE! What you sow you reap!
- **Galatians 6:7** – “**whatever a man SOWS that will he REAP!**”
- **What’s the warning here in Luke 12?** Don’t get your eyes off of Jesus! **Hebrews 12:2**, because when you do, *your eyes are only on you!* That’s selfish.
- **Proverbs 4:23** – “Above all else **GUARD YOUR HEART...**” **Why?** “For it DETERMINES the COURSE of your life / “For out of it FLOWS the issues of life!”
- **What is truly in a man’s heart will come out by his words and actions!**
- Just as there are degrees of reward in Heaven in **1 Corinthians 3:13-15**, there is also degrees of punishment. **Hebrews 10:29-31**
- It’s a very scary thing to look Jesus in the face and spit and stomp on His sacrifice! **How?** By KNOWING what the Master asks of you and you NOT living for Him! **Verse 47**

Closing: Be watchful in your heart and life that you do not become careless and worldly minded by believing that the Lord will delay his coming!

- The devil would love to get you to a spot in your life that you quit resisting and fleeing from sin, tolerate sin and start down the path of straying away from Jesus, the Bible and church!
- *It’s a SLOW FADE but ends up FULL THROTTLE in the wrong direction FROM God!*
- **Verses 45-46** are the warning from Jesus himself that there are consequences to those who stray and do not remain faithful.
- **Jesus would have never addressed this if it did not happen and will happen with believers!** *Please see and hear the WARNING today!*
- **Luke 12:40** – Be ready all of the time!
- **2 Peter 3:1-10** – not only was this happening in Peter’s day, but it has had 2000 years+ to increase in its intensity to scoff and mock the 2nd return of Christ!
- **Do not sit in the seat of a scoffer and mocker!** Jesus will return again!
- **Hebrews 9:28** – is your life eager for His return or eager for the life/pleasures now?
- It is the **UNFAITHFUL** person who focuses on the delay of Christ’s return, and disregards Jesus’ warnings from himself on *always remaining ready!*
- **Luke 12:35, 37, 38** and **40**.
- **Verse 44** – **Remain Faithful!!!!** What a reward that there will be!
- Live by God’s Word, by God’s Grace and **you won’t say or do CRUEL things!** You won’t be the Unfaithful servant!