

Luke 12:35-48 Watchfulness

Awake or Asleep



Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, 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. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes.



Be prepared!
Dressed – burning lamps

Knock at the door could be anytime
Note: hint of master's absence.



Present & final opportunity
Inspection on arrival

Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them.

Amazing master –
Astounding rewards

Recline . (middle eastern
table custom)



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.

It could be any time



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.

The thief comes to take away
because the owner unprepared.



You **also** must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

How must you be ready for Jesus?

Jesus' 'last' words
John 17:4

Paul's last words
2 Timothy 4:7



Peter asked, "Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everyone?"

For them or us parable????



The Lord answered,



With a question !

ie. It applies to you AND those who follow me

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?

Apostles, teachers, ministers, disciples



It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

Faithful -> big responsibility (entrusted with more)



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.

The great temptation – slacken
– drift – abuse his trust



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.

Big surprise coming – not a nice one.



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. But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows.

The punishment will fit the crime!



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.

The Lord's MODUS OPERANDI



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*** Our set task ***

*** Limited time ***

*** Final assessment ***

