

The Wise and Dependable Servant

Luke 12:35-59

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Jesus said to his disciples, "Stay alert. Be ready at all times just like servants who are waiting up for their master to come home from a wedding feast. When he knocks, they immediately open the door for him. The master will then take on the role of a servant, and the master will serve the servants.

"Think about this. If you knew when the thief was coming, you would stand guard to make sure your house didn't get broken into. So stay alert. You don't know when the Son of Man will come.

"What constitutes a wise and dependable servant? When the master goes away, one servant is left in charge, and if the job is faithfully done, that servant will be put in charge of everything the master owns. But the servant who knows what the master wants done yet doesn't do it or even get ready to do it will be severely punished. When God gives gifts to you, you are expected to use those gifts in God's service.

"You think you're so clever when you predict the weather. Oh sure, you can understand the physical world around you simply by keeping your eyes open. Yet you fail to comprehend the social, political, and spiritual implications of what is right in front of you. Do you think I've come to bring peace on earth? Well, I haven't. I've come to bring division.

"Why can't you understand what you ought to do? If you were accused of something, you would do your level best to work it out before you were taken to court, knowing that you could end up in prison and that to get out you might have to hand over everything you have, down to your last penny."