

## The Responsibility of Being Prepared (Luke 12:35-48)

### I. The Servant Must be Prepared for the Master's Coming (35-38)

#### A. The Obedient Servant is Prepared (35-36)

1. He must be ready for action
  - a. He must be prepared in mind, life, and heart
  - b. Gird his loins – prepared to go
    - i. Israel did this before running into war
2. He must keep His lamp burning
  - a. He must be expecting the master's coming
  - b. He must keep the light on for his return

#### B. The Obedient Servant is Rewarded (37-38)

1. The Master will reward the expectant servant (37)
  - a. The servant will be blessed by the master
    - i. Only the servants found awake
    - ii. These are the servants looking for his coming
  - b. The servant will be served
    - i. He will recline at the table
    - ii. His service will be accomplished
2. The Master will be pleased with the expectant servant (38)
  - a. The Master could come at any time
    - i. He could come in the wee hours when all others sleep
  - b. The master will bless the servant who is awake

### II. The Ministers Must Be Ready For the Master's Coming (39-48)

#### A. The Obedient Minister will be rewarded at his coming (39-44)

1. God's people must be ready for his coming (39-40)
  - a. The thief could come and plunder at any time (39)
  - b. The Son of Man could come at anytime (40)
    - i. you must be ready, just as the protector of the house is
2. The Obedient Minister will be rewarded (42-44)
  - a. The Lord has placed managers over his house
  - b. Blessed are those who manage it accordingly (43)
  - c. The faithful manager will be given greater responsibility (44)

#### B. The Unfaithful Minister will be punished at his coming (45-46)

1. The descriptions of unfaithful ministers (45)
  - a. They take advantage of the household
  - b. They Lord over the household with iron fist
  - c. They plunder the riches for their own pleasure
2. The Punishment of unfaithful ministers (46)
  - a. The master will come unexpectedly
  - b. The master will cut him to pieces
  - c. The master will cast him with the unfaithful

#### C. Every unprepared servant will be punished (47-48)

1. The willfully unprepared will be punished severely (47)
2. The ignorantly unprepared will be punished to a lesser degree (48)
3. Everyone will bear the responsibility of his calling

- a. He will be accountable for what he has been given
- b. He will be responsible for what he has been entrusted with