

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when you were surprised by someone or something. (Surprise birthday party, an award at a special event, an unexpected visit from a relative, etc.) Was it a good surprise or a bad surprise? Why?

2. Why is it important for believers to live with the expectation that Jesus could return at any time?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about the return of Jesus Christ:
 - a) Matthew 24:27
 - b) Matthew 24:36
 - c) Matthew 24:44
 - d) John 14:1-3
 - e) I Corinthians 15:52
 - f) I Thessalonians 5:2
 - g) Revelation 1:7

4. How does God's view of Jesus' return differ from our human perspective about His return?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - I am going to read, "The Great Disappearance" by David Jeremiah. (*Thomas Nelson Publishers*)
 - I am going to evaluate areas where I have become "casual" in my walk with the Lord and deal with those issues.
 - I am going to memorize Matthew 24:44.

Cornerstone Church
Luke 12:35-48

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Study Series #058

The Faithful and Sensible Steward

I. Introduction

A. The Surprise

(See Mark 13:32; Acts 1:7)

B. The Return of Jesus Christ

(See Matthew 24:34)

C. The Solution for Worry

(See Luke 12:1-12; Luke 12:13-21; Luke 12:22-34;
Matthew 19:27; Luke 12:34)

II. The Parable of the Faithful Servant

A. Be Waiting

(See Luke 12:35-36; Exodus 12:11; I Kings 18:46;
II Kings 4:29; Matthew 25:1-12; Psalm 119:105;
Leviticus 5:17; Revelation 3:20)

Passage of Study
Luke 12:35-48

B. Be Watching

(See Luke 12:37-40; John 13:1-5; Mark 10:45; Matthew 20:28; Luke 22:27; Luke 13:28-30; Luke 12:38-40; II Peter 3:10; I Thessalonians 5:2-4; Revelation 3:3; II Peter 3:8)

C. Be Working

(See Luke 12:41-48; James 2:17-18; I Corinthians 4:2; I Corinthians 3:13-15)

III. Conclusion

A. Your Personal Stewardship

(See Luke 12:48; I Corinthians 12:4-7; I Peter 4:10; Colossians 1:25)

B. The Challenge

(See I Corinthians 4:2; Matthew 25:29)

³⁵ “Be dressed in readiness and *keep* your lamps lit. ³⁶ Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open *the door* to him when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself *to serve*, and have them recline *at the table*, and will come up and wait on them. ³⁸ Whether he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds *them* so, blessed are those *slaves*.

³⁹ “But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.”

⁴¹ Peter said, “Lord, are You addressing this parable to us, or to everyone *else* as well?” ⁴² And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and sensible steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time? ⁴³ Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. ⁴⁴ Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁵ But if that slave says in his heart, ‘My master will be a long time in coming,’ and begins to beat the slaves, *both* men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk; ⁴⁶ the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect *him* and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers. ⁴⁷ And that slave who knew his master’s will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes, ⁴⁸ but the one who did not know *it*, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

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