

## **Luke 12:35-48**

### **Introduction**

All too often we live our lives in a reactionary way, taking action when confronted by emergencies or urgent matters right in front of us. Jesus calls His followers to be responsive in living, which means to be prepared and intentional about potential issues which have not yet presented themselves as urgent matters. We are called to live by principles which prepare us for uncertainties.

### **Scripture**

Luke 12:35-48 “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, 36 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. 37 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. 38 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. 39 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. 40 You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

41 Peter asked, “Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everyone?”

42 The Lord answered, “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? 43 It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. 44 Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. 45 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. 46 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.

47 “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. 48 But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. 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.

### **Closer Look**

1. In verses 35-40, Jesus calls His followers to be prepared for what coming possibility?

2. How can we be prepared for that very possibility?
  
3. When Peter asks Jesus if the teaching is directed specifically at the disciples, Jesus does not respond with a simple yes or no. What does Jesus do instead and why?
  
4. While we are thankful for the blessing of our God, Jesus also warns about consequences for those who are not prepared. How do believers today fail to be prepared?
  
5. What are the responsibilities God has given to you for which you will be held responsible?
  
6. Where can you improve your fulfillment of the things (e.g. possessions, talents, gifting) God has entrusted to you with to build His kingdom?

Scripture for the day:

Monday – Proverbs 10:19  
Tuesday – Proverbs 12:16  
Wednesday – Proverbs 13:16  
Thursday – Proverbs 14:8  
Friday – Proverbs 14:15, 18