

GateWay Church

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Transformation, the single most important thing He does. Matthew 24:44-51 NASB

Introduction



For this

reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think *He will*.

⁴⁵ "Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. ⁴⁷ Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

Faithful =

Sensible =

Slave =

In charge =

⁴⁸ But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My master is not coming for a long time,' ⁴⁹ and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards; ⁵⁰ the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect *him* and at an hour which he does not know, ⁵¹ and will cut him in pieces (in two) and assign him a place with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

So What?!

#1. Am I watching **DILIGENTLY?**

#2. Am I behaving <u>SENSIBLY?</u>

#3. Am I trusting **COMPLETELY?**

Questions for further discussion. Transformation: the single most important thing He does.

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: Not that one was necessarily better than the other but who seemed the most faithful to you as a parent? Was it your mom or your dad? What did their faithfulness look like?

Read: Matthew 24:44-51

Jesus says we are the most free when we enslave ourselves to Him because we become children of God. Name one way in which you feel enslaved or compelled to obey Jesus even when you don't want to. How does that mold your character? How does it help you grow more like Jesus?

What's one small area where you seem to fail in your obedience to Him? How is that frustrating to you?

Faithfulness is consistent in allegiance. How do you think you demonstrate faithfulness to God? Is faithfulness an action or an attitude? When did the disciples display faithfulness or a lack of it?

Sensible is one who works with insight. How long have you been in your current job? In what ways have you developed insight in doing your job? What's one spiritual insight you've developed in this last year that's helped you live closer or more obediently to Jesus?

Notice that the evil slave was neither faithful nor sensible.

Answer the 3 application questions below:

How are you watching diligently for the return of the master, Jesus?

How are you behaving sensibly for the return of the master, Jesus?

How are you trusting completely for the return of the master, Jesus?

Family Time: Play the game trust with your kids. Have each one fall backwards in a very rigid way and you catch them (put a pillow under their bottom because they might have a tendency to sit before you can catch them and you don't want them to land hard.) Do this several times and then talk about the passage and how the master trusted the faithful slave. Ask them how God is faithful to them and how are they faithful to God?