



Intro:

Luke 12:35-48 “Let your waist be girded and *your* lamps burning; **36** and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. **37** Blessed *are* those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. **Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them.** **38** And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants. **39** But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. **40** Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”**41** Then Peter said to Him, “Lord, do You speak this parable *only* to us, or to all *people*?”**42** And the Lord said, “Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* master will make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of food in due season? **43** Blessed *is* that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. **44** Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. **45** But if that servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, **46** the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the unbelievers. **47** And that servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare *himself* or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*. **48** But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

Vs. 35-7 Be Ready!

With everything Jesus has been teaching and has given us...we must actively be doing his business and preparing for his return!

Are we prepared for His return?

What am I doing with His resources?

Vs. 37-38 I say unto you BLESSED are those who are watching and ready.

To the disciples He “girded himself with a towel and basin and served them by washing their feet at the last supper where he also fed them. They had been watching.

Jesus had been in the midst of the nation for over 3 years but very few were ready, very few were truly watching with faith and an understanding that Jesus is the Master.

There is a blessing in watching

Watching - “gregoreo” = “give strict attention to, be cautious and active, To take heed lest through remission and indolence some destructive calamity suddenly overtake you.”

Vs. 39-42 The Son of Man WILL COME

Jesus came when they least expected it and most were not ready for his appearance.

Jesus has promised to come again...how will He find us?

Vs. 43-44 Jesus doubles down on the blessing in watching.

Watching is not a passive inactivity. Watching is actively being about the Father's business by stewarding the resources He has given us, declaring the gospel He has preached to us and ministering the gifts of His Spirit He has bestowed upon us.

It is continuing to go into all the places where He himself is coming and declaring his coming with demonstrations of his Spirit's power!

Vs. 45-48 Unpreparedness will not go unpunished.

Unpreparedness is rooted in a lack of the “fear of the Lord” which leads to a hypocritical, un-integral way of living and relating to others which misrepresents the Master's heart and character.

Conclusion:

We have been given much...what are we doing with it?