

The Parables of Jesus

in the Gospel of Luke (5)

Luke 12:36-46

DISCUSS

Recall a time when you procrastinated on a project or paper, etc. Share your experience and how you felt in that moment.

This parable talks about servants of God. Who do you think servants of God are?

DISCOVER

Focus: In this parable, Jesus is the Master and we are the slaves. Jesus explains how we need to serve Him faithfully everyday because we do not know when He will come back to evaluate or judge us. We want to see what the main aspect of our service is and how we can apply it daily.

I. Read Luke 12:36-46 twice. See if you can retell the story in your own words without looking at the verses.

Luke 12:36 And you be like men waiting for their own master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately.

Luke 12:37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Truly I tell you that he will gird himself and will have them recline at table, and he will come to them and serve them.

Luke 12:38 And if he comes in the second watch, or if in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

Luke 12:39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

Luke 12:40 You also, be ready, because at an hour when you do not expect it, the Son of Man is coming.

Luke 12:41 And Peter said, Lord, are You saying this parable to us, or also to all?

Luke 12:42 And the Lord said, Who then is the faithful and prudent steward, whom the master will set over his service to give them their portion of food at the proper time?

Luke 12:43 Blessed is that slave whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

Luke 12:44 Truly I tell you that he will set him over all his possessions.

Luke 12:45 But if that slave says in his heart, My master is delaying his coming, and begins to beat the male servants and the female servants and to eat and to drink and become drunk,

Luke 12:46 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, and will cut him asunder, and will appoint his portion with the unbelievers.

See if you can retell the story in your own words without looking at the verses.

A. Three times the Lord says that a certain kind of slave is “blessed.” What kind of slave is He talking about?

B. Look at 1 Peter 4:10 and Colossians 1:25 and compare with Luke 12:42. What is a steward? What does it mean to be a faithful and prudent steward?

(1 Pet. 4:10 Each one, as he has received a gift, ministering it among yourselves as good stewards of the varied grace of God.

Col. 1:25 Of which I became a minister according to the stewardship of God, which was given to me for you, to complete the word of God.)

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I. In Luke 12:42 the Lord Jesus says, “To give them food at the proper time.”

Read Matthew 4:4 and John 6:51 to see what two kinds of food we can give to people.

Consider what ways to give this food to people and share any experiences you have giving food and receiving food.

II. Memorize Luke 12:42 and recite it to one another:

“And the Lord said, Who then is the faithful and prudent steward, whom the master will set over his service to give them their portion of food at the proper time?”

DISCIPLE

A. In this parable the Lord Jesus says that we need to be watchful, faithful, and prudent. How can we apply this to our daily living?

B. Share with one another a person in your heart that you would like to feed this week. Pray for them.