

“Dressed For Action. Lamps Burning”

Luke 12:35-48

What is the posture of an excellent waiter? It's not enough that he have on the right uniform and meet your needs. He will also have a bright smile and communicate in various ways that is it a pleasure to serve. Such blending of duty and delight is all the more important when servants wait for the Master “to come home from the wedding feast.” Be *ready* to serve your Master. Be *ready* to repel the thief who would break in at night to steal. Jesus is coming back! We don't know when (see parallel: Matt. 24:36-51). We are called to be faithful with what has been entrusted to us.

I. _____ : attentive engagement _____, _____ comes later (v 35-37)

1. Jesus advocates self-_____ and fervent _____. In a word: _____.
2. Upon the Master's return a _____ thing will happen! See the _____ coming?
3. The _____ symbolizes the end time, _____ banquet (Rev. 19:9)!
4. Have you grown _____? Has your belief in the Second Coming _____?

II. _____ : the _____ is real, and so is the _____ (v 38-40)

1. Verse 38 introduces the question of _____ the Master returns. It's growing _____.
2. As it grows _____ at night, the thief may attempt to _____ in. Stand your _____!
3. Do not force Jesus into your _____, he told us that he would _____.

III. _____ : the Master and the _____ (v 41-47)

1. Peter's question advances the _____. Jesus addresses ultimate _____.
2. Jesus promises _____ blessing and HARSH accountability (Mt. 24:51).
3. Are you living _____ as a _____ of Christ? Live by the light you have.

IV. _____ : What have you been _____? (v 48)

1. What has been _____ to you?
2. What is being _____ of you in your various callings?
3. Lesson: people with many _____ and responsibilities will be held to a higher _____ on the last day. Lord, grant us grace to _____ for action and keep our lamps _____!