

Who Is A Faithful And Wise Steward? ①

Luke 12:41-48

Intro. **A.** Simon Peter asked Jesus a question.

L. 41 1. "Did you say this to us or all"?

2. What had Jesus said? **Vs. 36-40**

B. Why did Peter ask this question?

Vs. 22 1. "And he said unto his disciples".

Vs. 54 2. "And he said also to the people".

3. "disciples" = μαθητής = "a learner", "pupil"

In N.T., one who follows both teacher and the teaching.

4. "people" = ὄχλος = "a crowd", "a confused multitude"

5. Are you speaking to disciples or to this crowd?

I. The Answer of Jesus, Positive Results.

A. "who then is that faithful and wise steward,

Vs. 42a 1. "faithful" = πιστός = "one on whom we may rely"

2. "wise" = φρόνιμος = understanding, thoughtful, practically wise, sensible, prudent

3. "steward" = οἰκονόμος = a house manager, one who had authority over the servants of a family, assigning their tasks, etc. These persons were generally slaves, but also free-men

(1.) **B.** "...whom his Lord shall make ruler over his household"

"Rule over" = ἐπι = "superintendence" upon and proceeding from"

2. "Household" = οἰκονομία = a waiting on, esp. of medical attendance, "collectively, the body of attendants", "Retinue"

C. "to give them their portion of meat in due season"

1. "portion" = μέρος = "a part of a whole", "a piece"

2. "due season" = καιρός = "the right thing at the right time"

5. "portion" = μέρος = a part, pieces

6. "unbelievers" = ἀπιστος = "disbelieving", "faithless".

D. Some examples of those who quit trusting the Lord, for His help to serve.

1. Heb. 3:10, 12, 17-19

2. Heb. 11:6 -

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E. The servant who knows what's right.

Vs. 47 1. He does not prepare to do it.

ἔτοιμαζω = "to make ready"

2. He does not do what he knows to do.

3. "... shall be beaten with many stripes".

4. This not the Lord Jesus beating one of His servants. It is the Lord of the servant in this illustration that Jesus is telling.

F. There were some servants who ignorantly committed things worthy of stripes.

Vs. 48 1. "... did commit things worthy of stripes".

2. They are beaten with few stripes.

III. The Guiding Principle, The Answer To Peter's Question.

A. ... For unto whomsoever ^{Not "us" + "them"} much is given, of him shall be much required:

Vs. 48b 1. "much" = πολὺς = many.

2. "given" = δίδωμι = "to hand-over to another freely, unforced", "to yield", "supply", "commit".

3. "required" = ζητέω = "to seek for", "to inquire after", "to require of anyone".