

**God's K.N.E.W. normal #4**  
**Blessings or Punishment**  
Luke 12:41–48

Peter said, "Lord, are You addressing this parable to us, or to everyone else as well?" And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and sensible steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time?"

Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master will be a long time in coming,' and begins to beat the slaves, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk; the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes, but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

Luke 12: 41-48

You too be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.  
Luke 12: 40

**Four Analogies of Readiness.**

- Have your loins girded up.
- Get Your Lamps Lit.
- Be like servants ready when the master returns
- Be like a householder knowing a thief's coming, just not when, so ready all the time.

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven." Why are you gazing into heaven? This same Jesus who is taken up from you shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven."  
Acts 1:11

"Lord, are You addressing this parable to us, or to everyone else as well?"  
Luke 12: 41

**The danger is "not being ready."**

... after so many thousands of people had gathered together that they were stepping on one another...

Luke 12:1

And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and sensible steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time?"

Luke 12:42

"But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master will be a long time in coming, begins to beat the slaves,'"

Luke 12:45

### **Two kinds of people**

Faithful and ready = Blessed

Unfaithful and not = Punished

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Romans 1:20

in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

Romans 2:15-17

For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:14

### **The Faithful Servant**

And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful & sensible steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time?"

Luke 12: 42

Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time will come.

Mark 13:33

### **What does it mean to be ready?**

Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.

Luke 12:43

Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

Luke 12: 44

**What about the unfaithful?**

**Do you want blessing? Be faithful**

“He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.

Luke 16: 10