



1. **Serve** _____ (vv.41-44)

Luke 12:41 Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?" **42** And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? **43** Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.

44 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.

45 But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, **46** the master of that servant 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 put him with the unfaithful.

47 And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. **48** But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more. (ESV)

2. **Serve** _____ (vv.45-46)

3. **Serve** _____ (vv.47-48)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Revelation 11:18 & 22:12**. How is a biblical view of rewards for faithful and wise service to Christ enhanced when it is considered in light of his at-any-moment return?
2. Read **Luke 19:16-17**. What are the dangers of keeping in view only one of these motivating expectations to the exclusion of the other (i.e., pursuing the rewards without the approval or the approval without the rewards)?
3. Read **Titus 1:16**. In light of frequent biblical warnings regarding those who associate with Christianity but don't truly know Christ, what can and will you do to honestly appraise the reality of your profession?
4. Read **Hebrews 12:5-6**. How might one regard the discipline of the Lord lightly? What would that look like?
5. Read **Luke 12:48**. What are some of the practical advantages you have been given over the years to know with greater clarity what Christ expects from you?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

January 31st

Ex.25-26 & Mt.21:1-22

February 1st

Ex.27-28 & Mt.21:23-46

February 2nd

Ex.29-30 & Mt.22:1-22

February 3rd

Ex.31-33 & Mt.22:23-46

February 4th

Ex.34-36 & Mt.23:1-22

February 5th

Ex.37-38 & Mt.23:23-39

February 6th

Ex.39-40 & Mt.24:1-22

February 7th

Lev.1-3 & Mt.24:23-51

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 08-16 – **Why It's All Worth It**

Msg. 07-05 – **Motivated by Christ's Rewards at His Return**

Msg. 14-42 – **A New Year of Faithfulness in a World of Apostasy**

Msg. 07-28 – **Recognizing & Responding to God's Correction**

Msg. 06-22 – **Taking a Closer Look at Spiritual Defection**

Msg. 13-30 – **Apostasy & Stumbling Saints**

Msg. 07-78 – **The New Jerusalem & The Lake of Fire**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Berding, Kenneth. **What are Spiritual Gifts? Rethinking the Conventional View**. Kregel, 2006.

Carty, Jay. **Counter Attack: Taking Back Ground Lost to Sin**. Third Edition. Yes Ministries, 1988.

Epp, Theodore H. **Present Labor and Future Rewards: The Believer, His Sin, Conduct & Rewards**. BTTB, 1960.

Frank, Arnold L. **The Fear of God: A Forgotten Doctrine**. Second Edition. Nordskog Publishing, 2008.

Guinness, Os. **The Call: Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life**. Word Publishing, 1998.

Lewis, C.S. **The Weight of Glory**. Reprint. HarperOne, 2001.

Love, Christopher. **The Mortified Christian**. Reprint. Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 1998.

Lutzer, Erwin. **Your Eternal Reward: Triumph and Tears at the Judgment Seat of Christ**. Moody Press, 1998.

Sanders, Oswald. **Spiritual Leadership: Principles of Excellence for Every Believer**. Moody Press, 1994.

Schaeffer, Francis. **The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century**. Crossway Books, 1994.

Stowell, Joseph. **Eternity: Reclaiming a Passion for What Endures**. Chicago: Moody Press, 1995.

Sweeting, Donald. **How to Finish the Christian Life: Following Jesus in the Second Half**. Moody Press, 2012.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.

Whitney, Don. **Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life: Revised and Updated**. NavPress, 2014.

Wilkinson, Bruce. **A Life God Rewards: Why Everything You Do Today Matters Forever**. Multnomah Books, 2002.