

Matt 24:45-51 Week 86

FAITHFULNESS

Matt 24:45 "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? 46 It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. 47 I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. 48 But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' 49 and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. 50 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. 51 He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51 And will punish him [cut him up by scourging] and put him with the pretenders (hypocrites); there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. AMP

Every believer has been given a divine stewardship and _____ in the work of Christ on earth, and in that stewardship he is to be _____ and sensible.

We are required to _____, and be _____.

1. Watch

It is the great duty and interest of all the disciples of Christ to watch, to be awake, and keep awake, that they may _____ their business.

1 Thes 5:6-8 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, gets drunk at night. NIV

Why do Christians still have a drawing to _____?

John 3:19-21 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God." NIV

So how much more should we seek _____ and the light of God's word?

- To watch for Christ's coming is to maintain that gracious temper and disposition of _____.
- That we can understand the _____ of darkness and seek God's light to overcome it.

2. Be Ready

- We watch in vain, if we do not get ready. It is not enough to look for such things; but we must therefore give _____ and _____ to being prepared for His coming.
- Because the time of our Lord's coming is very _____.

So how do we fix that?

1. Set your _____ to seek the Lord.
2. Be ready to _____ anything He begins to show you. Honesty with your own self is the beginning of change.
3. Quit _____ about what you can't do and focus on what God can do in and through you.
4. Quit making _____ or transferring _____ to others for the failures you seem to struggle with.
5. When you have a _____ and seem to be failing again, stop and just listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying. Stop, and start over.
6. Remember the goal of being like Christ and when you are struggling stop and start _____.

Why is Christ waiting so long to come again?

- He is waiting for _____ to run its course.
The imagery depicts a field whose crop is completely ready for harvesting, here indicating the harvest of final _____ on _____ mankind.
- The Lord is _____ for all those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life to be saved.
- It is not that God could not act in judgment at any time He chose, but that in His sovereign _____ and _____.
- He is allowing the fullest time possible for men to repent and come to Him in _____.

So what is our response?

"Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near" Heb 10:24-25.

The _____ Servant

- He waits _____ and _____.
- He is busy _____ fulfilling the tasks The Lord has entrusted to him.

The _____ Servant

- He is not a servant at all; he is just a well disguised _____.
- He is a man of _____ disposition.
- Finally, the Lord's coming will catch him completely by _____.

