

## Watchfulness - Luke 12:35-48

**Topics:** Patience, Preparation, Second Coming, Waiting

### Open It

1. What sort of preparations have you been involved in making?
- \* 2. What is it like to wait for someone without knowing when he or she is coming?

### Explore It

3. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do? (12:35)
4. According to Jesus, what are the two traits of the one who is ready? (12:35)
- \* 5. What did the men in the story do when their master returned? (12:36)
6. What happened to the servants who were watching properly? (12:37)
- \* 7. How long should the servants have been willing to wait? (12:38)
- \* 8. When do important things often happen? (12:39-40)
9. What did Peter ask Jesus? (12:41)
10. How did Jesus reply to Peter's question? (12:42)
11. What distinguished the faithful and wise manager? (12:42-44)
12. How did some servants handle responsibilities in their masters' absence? (12:45)
13. What happened to the foolish servants? (12:46)
14. What was to be the fate of the servants who knew what to do but wouldn't do it? (12:47)
15. What happened to the servants who acted out of ignorance? (12:48)
16. What is expected of those who have been given and entrusted with much? (12:48)

### Get It

17. How are "watching" and "waiting" used throughout this passage?
18. What does watchfulness involve?
19. For what are we to be watchful?
20. Why is watchfulness not a passive activity?
21. What does this passage say about Jesus' return?
- \* 22. How should we act while waiting for Jesus to return?
23. What do we learn of God's fairness here?
24. What has God given us?
25. What has God given you?
26. How much have we, individually and collectively, been given and entrusted with?
27. What responsibilities or duties may be demanded of us?
28. How should we use what God has given us?
- \* 29. What can you do for God in your areas of responsibility?
30. How can we use wisely what God gives each of us?

### Apply It

31. What is one area of need in your church or among other Christians that you can serve?
32. How can you get ready for Christ's return?
- \* 33. What steps can you take toward fulfilling your God-given responsibilities this week?