Who Then is a Faithful & Wise Servant?

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INTRODUCTION

- Jesus is speaking about judgment. Specifically, the judgment that would come and did come upon the nation of Israel.
- There is a difference between getting ready and being ready. Jesus didn't say get ready. He said be ready. You could be ready today and not ready tomorrow.

1 Understanding Faithfulness Through God

Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalm 36:5; Titus 1:2

- Before we can understand faithfulness, like any other thing, we need to understand some things about God.
- Faithfulness is the character of one who can be relied upon.
- Know therefore that Jehovah thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.
- We serve a God who never changes. We don't have to worry about God being in a mood.
- We can rely upon God and we can rely upon what God says.

2 Can I Be Relied Upon?

1 Corinthians 4:1–2; 2 Peter 1:5–8; Galatians 5:22–23

- Can I be relied upon as a human being?
- This word simply means reliance or trust, truthfulness towards God as well as towards man. It means confidence in God and all of his commands.
- What are servants to do? They're to do their master's bidding.
- We do what the Lord tells us to do. That's not difficult to understand.
- If you do these things, you are gonna find that faithfulness is going to be a part of your life.

3 You Also Be Ready, Like Noah

Genesis 6:22; Matthew 24:45–51

- Thus did Noah according to all that God commanded him.
- I need to learn what the will of God is, and I'm going to make up my mind that whatever God says, that's what I'm going to do.
- Who then is a faithful and wise servant? Whom his master made ruler over his household to give them food in due season.
- Jesus says the faithful servant is the one that will be doing his will when he comes back.

4 Parables About Judgment

Matthew 25:1–13; Matthew 25:14–30; Matthew 25:31–46

- Some people procrastinate. And some people keep themselves prepared.
- They know that a relationship with God is the most important thing in this world.
- God blesses all of us with opportunities, some with more than others.
- If you don't do anything in preparation for eternity, you're going to stand before God in judgment. You don't have any excuse.
- We're going to be judged based upon how we respond to the needs of other people when they are in distress.

5 Let's Test Our Faith

Hebrews 10:25; Romans 12:8; 2 Corinthians 8:5

- Attendance to services is a spiritual barometer.
- It manifests the interest or lack of interest that a person has in the word of the Lord and in the cause of Jesus Christ.
- Second of all, giving. I think that's another indication of a person's faithfulness.
- If you don't give yourself first to the Lord, you're not going to be faithful in other things either.
- And what about your life? And what about your conduct? Jesus says, be faithful unto death.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I think the greatest challenge we have in life is just learning how to trust God. And God can be trusted. Because He's the faithful God.**

MY NOTES