Intro: 42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. 45 “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. 47 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. 48 But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know 51 and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

I. Faithful believers will be found watching for the coming of the Lord – 42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

a. Faithful watchers will stay ready for the Lords return

• Faithfulness starts by being ready and on call. It is knowing that you will be called on in a moment’s notice and you have prepared yourself in advance for service. Faithfulness starts preparing itself, before it is called on to be put into action. Ill. of the dog waiting for her own to come from work; rain, snow, heat, cold she wait and look in the driveway every day until he came home. This dog was a rescue dog.

° 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. Luke 12:37

b. Faithful watchers will be commitment to God

• Notice what Jesus said, “you don’t know when the Lord will come”. You and I need to stay awake, keep looking (to who?) for we don’t know when the Lord will come. In others words you must stay committed to the Lord everyday just as if you are excepting for Him to come on that day.

° 28 Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Luke 21:28

c. Faithful watchers will have the right attitude for service

• Those who have the right gratitude will also have the right attitude for service. Imperfect as we maybe we are grateful to God for calling us into His service and will. Our imperfect life will not stop us from having a right attitude for that call to service.

° 27 This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, 29 for our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:27-29

d. Faithful watchers will be ready to give their life for Christ

• When we are called to be on the “watch and be ready” list it gives a picture of how we are to be willing to give our lives as a sacrifice for Christ. I know we are not all going to be martyrs, but we can give our lives for the service to Jesus, for Jesus, and because of Jesus.

° 4 Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 2 Corinthians 3:4-6

II. Parable One: Be faithful in the Home first – 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

a. Faithfulness begins when we think no one is watching

• When you think that your Christian walk is not being seen, that is where you will be seen the most. When we are in public, we like to put our best foot forward, and we should, but it is behind closed doors of a home is where your faithfulness will be seen in your children. We should be less concerned about what others think and more concerned about how our children see our walk with God.

b. Faithfulness is ready to protect the home

• A great defense is a great offence. Note that the Lord said if you would have known what was going to happen you could have and would have prevented it. In other words, you should stop what enters in your home before it can do damage. We need to stop this mad woke dung that has been spewing out in public before it enters in our homes.

° 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Matthew 6:3-4

c. The cost for not being ready and faithful is not acceptable

• If you would have known what was going to be done to your home and the dangers that would come to your family you would have done everything in your power to stop it. And yet we will allow all manner of evil in our homes all in the name of diversity and wokeness, and this is destroying the family unit. Robbing our children of a normal life, stealing from the family structure and trying to identify as being normal. Parents, or should I say dads, you need to stop this madness from breaking into your home and stealing from your families’ innocence.

III. Parable Two: Be faithful to authority – 45 “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. 47 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.

a. It was the Master who put his trust in His servant

• Jesus was using something that was very common in the days of Christ to show the relation between the Father and his children. Jesus never said slavery was ok, or that we should all have slaves, but instead it was one of many things Jesus left to each society to decide. We as Americans, believe that slavery is a sin, and the Apostle Paul seem to believe it as well, read the book of Philemon.

° 16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. Philemon 1:16

b. It was the servant who wanted to obey his Master

• Our belief in today’s doctrine is that God has to be faithful to us because of who He is, and yes God is faithful, but the other side of this doctrines is rarely if any taught today, you must be obedient to God first. God will not conduct His faithful good name on your willful disobedience. I wonder how many really want to obey Christ, or how many say it just to feel better about themselves.

° 22 And Samuel said, “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king.” 1 Samuel 15:22, 23

IV. Parable Three: Living an unfaithful life – 48 But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know 51 and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

a. Unfaithful people will only think of themselves

• Slavery was solely based on economics and not race. If you owe someone some money, they then could claim ownership rights on you until you pay back your debt. It did not matter what color you were, it only matters on the money you’re owed. So, even servants could have servants making them masters as well as slaves. In this case the servant was owner of another servant and put a beat down on him because he was not paying what he owed him. This is selfish and shows how unfaithful people think about God. Since they think God is not around they can make your life miserable, not realizing we are both beholding to the King.

b. Unfaithful people will not live separated lives

• Garth Brooks broke into the country music business with a song that put him into country music icon status “I got friends in low places”. This is a man who claims to be a Christian, and yet he has friends that are in low places and that he is proud to be around. Not friends in churches, but friends where he should not be hanging out. He’s got friends in the LGBTQ-HBO-Paramount+ community, but not in his church. You are known by the company you keep. I’m known by my Christian friends not by my gay friends. And yes, my gay friends know that I’m a Christian.

° 17 Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, 18 and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.” 2 Corinthians 6:17-18

c. Unfaithful people will not be ready when the Lord comes

• You can mark it down in your bible that I said this, many are not ready to meet the Lord. Oprah says she talks to God while living in an unholy union with her boyfriend. Creflo Dollar endorses Stacey Abrams who believes in abortion up to any age. Todd White says Jesus is having orgasms with you while you are pleasing yourself. These false teachers are not faithful, and they are not ready. Oprah’s Jesus is not listening while you are sleeping with you boyfriend, Creflo Dollar abortion is a sin, and you should have told Stacey that, because you were looking out for what was in your best interest, and you were not looking out for what was in God’s best interest. Todd White, you have some serious sexual problems. To even think about saying such a horrible thing about Jesus is bad enough, but to actually say it, my friend hell awaits.

° 21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’ Matthew 7:21-23