



Thinking Ahead
Luke 12:35-56
Sermon Study Notes

Just because you've got stuff doesn't mean you're safe.
We're not to be concerned because God is in control.

I. Servants of Jesus are awake. (12:35-38)

You keep your lamp burning by keeping your eye focused on Jesus.
If you stay ready, you'll get a reward.

Revelation: The Master comes to serve.

Takeaway: I must be waiting for the Master.

II. Servants of Jesus are alert. (12:39-40)

Sometimes in Luke we find comparison, but other times he employs contrast.

Revelation: The Master comes to surprise.

Takeaway: I must be wary of the thief and ready for the Master.

III. Servants of Jesus are accountable. (12:41-48)

There are degrees of reward.

The vigilant steward is prudent, praised, and promoted.

There are degrees of reprimand.

The violent steward is predatory, presumptuous, and punished.

The unwise steward commits two fatal errors: He presumes to do as he pleases while the Master is away, and he procrastinates, thinking he has plenty of time before the Master's return.

There are degrees of reign.

Revelation: The Master comes to settle.

Takeaway: I must be wise in my stewardship of the Master's resources.

IV. Servants of Jesus are associated. (12:49-50)

Revelation: The Master comes to suffer.

Takeaway: I must be willing to identify with the Master's suffering.

V. Servants of Jesus are alienated. (12:51-53)

Revelation: The Master comes to separate.

Takeaway: I must be welcoming of the Master's mission.

VI. Servants of Jesus are aware. (12:54-56)

You know how to read the sky, but do you know how to read the signs?

Revelation: The Master comes to save.

Takeaway: I must be watching for the signs of the Master's coming.

The gospel predicts what your eternal weather forecast is, and the forecast is either showers of blessing or it's scorching heat.