

Karen gives the devotion on “Watchfulness & be Ready” from Luke 12:35-47, especially verses 47-48

- Verse 47 & 48 are mind-boggling. Jesus was asked about dividing the inheritances, and He cites an example of the rich fool, who focuses on material things, but unprepared for life after death.
  - Verse 35, Jesus uses another parable to explain what is most important in light of the uncertainty of the future.
  - Servants have to stay up not knowing when the master will return. But for sure he will return because this is his own house; but the timing is unknown.
  - Some servants are dutiful, while others fool around and take chances
  - The faithful servants will receive rewards, and the unfaithful ones deserve punishments.
- Different punishments:
  - The one who knows but does not do receive great punishments
  - One who does not know but yet does not do, receive less punishments
  - The more you know the Bible, the more He demands from you.
  - One who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.
- Applications:
  - Chinese are good in evading responsibilities.
  - Very relevant since we are looking for members to fill various positions in 2011.
  - The verses remind us acts and obedience must follow God’s words.
  - We are steward, not owner of what God entrusts to us. Our tendency is to hold back; but God demands us to use for His glory. Our responsibly is in proportion to what has been given to us.
  - The passage teaches “readiness”. We must not let the worldly affairs entangle us.
  - Is Gilead ready for services? When a new comer arrives, are we ready to serve this individual physically & spiritually?
  - It is not uncommon that new comers are ignored in a church. How about us?
- Verse 42 “Is this parable for us (the disciples) or for everyone?”
  - Jesus does not answer this question.
  - In verse 22, Jesus is addressing the disciples. Could the teaching only apply to the disciples?
  - Could Verse 48 suggest a wider audience?
  - Dear Pastor Moy, can you help us with Peter’s question in Luke 12:41? Thanks.

**Reply from Pastor Moy:**

“Dear Prayer Warriors,

It is privilege and honor to be called to serve among you, but praise the Lord that we can pray together as one body in Christ. I will continue to uphold GBC in prayer as we draw near to the day Helen and I can be face to face among you. Keep on praying!

Regarding Luke 12:41, the answer to Peter's question takes us back to context beginning in Luke 12:22 where he addresses his disciples. While generally Jesus taught the people in parables and addressed his disciples more directly, here he intended all these warnings to be for everyone.

Have a blessed Sunday and week and thanks so much for your prayers!”