

Matthew 24:45-47

Being faithful servants of God

“Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. Truly I say to you, that he will put him in charge of all his possessions,” -Jesus

To whom is Jesus addressing in this passage. He is addressing you and I and the food He is speaking of is spiritual food, that is, words of correction, words of encouragement, words of reminder and prayer, and considering ourselves to be our brothers keeper. If it concerns him it concerns us. Jesus gives us both words of encouragement and words of warning in the following verses which I have not written out concerning our forsaking of this important job for the sake of our own enjoyments and comforts.

So what is Jesus telling us in respect to the work He has given us? He says be faithful and diligent and timely with our efforts towards one another. Faithful and observant, seeing and going out of our way in order to meet the needs of others. We need to realize that we are to go beyond waiting for someone or something to come along and give us a job, but to take up the matter and begin to do the work without anymore procrastination. Jesus promises that if He finds us diligent in this work when He comes that He will be well pleased and reward us for our faithfulness. So what are the practical steps for diligently serving in the family of God?

1. Starting our day with a willingness to work and a heart that is asking God where He would like us to start.
2. Not assuming our day is finished simply because we have completed some small task for Him.
3. Being ever diligent to multiply our knowledge of God by the study of His word and spending much time in prayer.
4. Praying for God to send us people to be praying for and ministering to.

These four things will be guaranteed to cause us to be busy with tending the house of God. Our lives will not be fruitless if we do these things and the best part is that you don't have to go to seminary to achieve these things or have great plans to be a pastor or evangelist. Anyone can do these things. They are the only guidelines for entering into His service and being found faithful at His return.

So let us think on these things and act upon them, making them our earnest prayer to God that we might simply bring them into daily practice in our lives. May God bless each of us this week with a great renewal of His Holy Spirit that we might diligently and with single-mindedness set about His work.

God bless!

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