



RADICAL FAITH & SERVICE

“The Story of the Two Servants”

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Text: **Luke 12:42-48**

Introduction: It is important to note that this parable directly follows a question by the apostle Peter (v.41). He wants to know if the previous thoughts and stories were for the disciples or all people. Jesus had just dealt with the rich fool, spoke about true discipleship, and was beginning to talk about the second coming. Now, Peter seems to interrupt the Lord’s teaching to ask about parables. Peter and the other disciples were beginning to wonder if Jesus was going to continue using parables to speak to the people. Peter asks if they were the only ones that heard the parables or if Jesus had used them, or would continue to use them, in His teaching. Instead of answering Peter in a straight forward way, Jesus tells Peter and the others one more parable. This parable helps us to understand that parables reveal Christ’s teachings and are intended for all people.

Discussion:

I. The Choice of the Master

Matthew 12:33-27

Matthew 25:14-30

Romans 12:6

II. The Wise & Faithful Servant

Matthew 25:14-30

Ephesians 4:11-16

Matthew 6:33

III. The Foolish & Unfaithful Servant

Titus 2:11-12

Ephesians 2:8

Romans 6:1

IV. The Master’s Return (a.k.a. The Second Coming)

Galatians 6:10

James 1:27

II Peter 3:3-4

Conclusion: In many of Jesus’ parables there is one good servant and one evil servant. The obvious reason is because there are only two choices: the right one and the wrong one. We cannot forget that the Master is returning soon and His servants must be prepared. We cannot get sidetracked or just pretend to work. We need Christians that have a radically changed faith and are dedicated to Christian service. The unfaithful servant was condemned for his actions, but the faithful one was rewarded. What will God say to you? How will you be treated when He returns again?

WORD OF THE DAY = **“Service”**