

JESUS' WARNING OF BEING VIGILANT AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Week C - 019

LUKE 12:32-48



Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an **inexhaustible** treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

"**Gird** your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds **vigilant** on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are

those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Then Peter said, "Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?" And the Lord replied, "Who, then, is the faithful and **prudent** steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant in charge of all his property. But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful. That servant who knew his master's will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was **ignorant** of his master's will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

1. Understand It!

2. Explore It!

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells a story of a master and his servant to remind His disciples to be prepared and trustworthy. The story is of a master who goes off to a wedding. His servant is given responsibilities and does not know when the master will return. When the master returns unexpectedly, finds that his servant had completed all his work, and at the door ready to greet his master, his master will bless him and reward him. If the servant continues to be reliable and prepared in this way, he will continue to receive rewards from his master. Jesus also said that if the servant in charge knows what his master wants of him but does not follow the master's instructions and tries to hurt other servants around him; then when the master returns, that servant will receive severe punishment. Jesus also warns His disciples that if they receive too much, they must share just as much with others.

Inexhaustible	Incapable of being used up, endless
Gird	To fasten or secure (a garment or money bag) on the body with a belt or band.
Vigilant	To be alert, or watchful
Prudent	Wisdom and knowledge
Ignorant	Unaware, uninformed

3. Connect It!

Jesus' story of the master and his servant teaches us about being reliable and alert. Just like a time when your parents asked you to do something before they left to go somewhere. When you listened and completed the chores, you usually receive a reward from your parents when they return. At other times when you ignore your parents' requests or start fights with your siblings, you would likely be grounded or punished when your parents return. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel to be prepared and reliable. What ways can you practice to always be prepared and reliable in everything that you do?

4. Live It! [**RELIABILITY**]

Reliability: The quality to be trusted and dependable.

In today's Gospel Jesus encourages His disciples to always be alert and reliable. As disciples of Jesus, Jesus calls on us to be prepared and be reliable in everything that we do. Take a moment to think of your role as a son/daughter, student, and a member of the VEYM. What is necessary of you in each of these roles and how can you prepare and be reliable to accomplish your tasks in each role?

Complete the chart below and practice it daily for a whole week

My Role as ...	I will practice ...
A Son/Daughter	Example: pray for my parents daily
A Student	
A VEYM Member	

5. Remember It!

**“Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds
vigilant on his arrival.”
(Luke 12:37)**



6. Pray It!

Dear Lord, thank you for teaching us wonderful life lessons through Your stories in the Bible. Please give us strength to practice and live our lives the way You want us to live. Help us to always be prepared and reliable in all that we do. Please lead us closer to You every day of our life. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

Parent signature _____