

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SPRING PURSUIT
BEING WATCHFUL IN LIFE AND FAITHFUL IN SERVICE

Session Seven & Eight

Who Then is the Faithful and Prudent Slave?

Scripture Reading: Matt. 24:45-46, 49; Mark 10:45; Luke 22:27; 12:37; Luke 6:38; Matt. 25:27, 29; John 21:17; Acts 20:35

- I. “Who then is the faithful and prudent slave, whom the master has set over his household to give them food at the proper time?”—Matt. 24:45:**
- A. The Lord who lives in us did not come to be served but to serve—Mark 10:45.
 - B. The Lord is in our midst as one who serves and will serve us in the kingdom—Luke 22:27; 12:37.
 - C. As the Lord grows in us, He will enlarge our heart to serve others—Luke 6:38.
 - D. Our serving the Lord should proceed out from Him as the source of blessing, be through Him as the means and power, and be unto Him for His glory—Rom. 11:36, Eccl. 9:4.
 - E. We must serve the Lord by coordinating with the members of his Body—Rom. 12:1-2.
 - F. We can use the Lord's gift to build up the church giving food at the proper time in 4 ways—Matt. 25:27:
 - 1. By being priests of the gospel to save sinners—Rom. 15:16.
 - 2. Supplying others with Christ as their spiritual food at the proper time to speak at any time but with the proper discernment—2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Cor. 14:26.
 - 3. Caring for people with the loving and forgiving heart of our Father and the seeking and shepherding spirit of our Savior, Christ while not criticizing, judging or exposing them—Matt. 24:49; Jn. 21:15-17.
 - 4. Practically serving in children’s meeting, ushering, AV, music, arranging of chairs, cleaning, and caring for the needs of others—Acts 20:35.
- II. “Blessed is that slave whom his Master, when He comes, will find so doing—Matt. 24:46:**
- A. If we are faithful to cooperate with the Lord in this age to care for our fellow believers in His household, the Lord will bless us when he comes and set us over all his possessions—Matt. 24:46.
 - B. If we say in our heart that our "master delays", beat our fellow slaves and eat and drink with the drunken, we will be "cut asunder" to miss His glorious presence during the kingdom age.
- III. "For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he shall abound; but from him who does not have, even that which he has shall be taken away from him"—Matt 25:29.**