

THE FOUR STEWARDS

LUKE 12:41-48

When Jesus returns we will stand before Him as _____ : we will then give account to Him as _____
A steward owned nothing and yet he had complete _____ of whatever his master had put in his hands

I. THE _____ AND WISE STEWARD LUKE 12:42-44

- A. The first steward was given authority over the other _____ and responsibility to give them their food
 - 1) In Jesus' day, Jesus was probably thinking of His _____ in terms of the first steward
 - 2) In our day, the first steward may represent _____
- B. The first steward is faithful because when the master returns, he is _____ what he was assigned
- C. The upside to stewardship is the reward: the master makes the faithful steward _____ over all he has
 - 1) When Jesus returns we will give account for how we have handled the _____. He has given us
 - 2) If we have been faithful He will reward us with greater _____ in His 1000-year earthly reign

II. THE _____ AND DISSOLUTE STEWARD LUKE 12:45-46

- A. The second steward failed his master in 4 ways:
 - 1) Rather than believing that his master may return at any moment, he _____ such an idea
 - 2) He failed in his basic responsibility: he did not give the other servants their _____ in due season
 - 3) He used his complete authority over the other servants to _____ and mistreat them
 - 4) He used his position to supply his own lusts: to eat, drink and be _____
- B. When the master returned, he cut the steward in _____ and assigned him a place with the unbelievers
- C. The second steward probably represents Judas as well as scribes, Pharisees and other _____
Throughout church history, he may represent _____

III. THE _____ BUT DISOBEDIENT STEWARD LUKE 12:47

IV. THE _____ BUT DISOBEDIENT STEWARD LUKE 12:48

- A. _____ Is Determined by Privilege
 - 1) When Jesus returns we will give account to Him for every _____ that He entrusted to us
 - 2) In these verses Jesus mentions one particular privilege for which we will give account: _____
 - 3) This principle applies not only to punishment as directly mentioned in the text but also to _____
 - 4) This principle means that many of our ideas about eternity may be skewed:
 - a) The worst criminals in history may receive lesser punishment because they never heard of _____
 - b) Those who receive the greatest punishment may be those who grow up in _____ homes
 - c) Among those who will give account for the greatest privileges are modern _____ Christians
- B. Ignorance Is Never an _____
 - 1) Ignorance of the _____ is never an excuse: if men don't know God's law, they don't get a free pass
 - 2) Ignorance of _____ is never an excuse for us: we have unparalleled opportunity to study it