

BEING PREPARED FOR HIS COMING

MATTHEW 24:44

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

MATTHEW 24:45

45 Who then is a *FAITHFUL and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

FAITHFUL: pistos {pis-tos'}

trusty, faithful; of persons who show themselves faithful in the transaction of business, the execution of commands, or the discharge of official duties;

RULER: kathistemi {kath-is'-tay-mee}

ordain, to set, place, to set one over a thing (in charge of it), to appoint one to administer an office

JOHN 21:15

15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

JOHN 21:16

16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

JOHN 21:17

17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

ACTS 20:28

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you *OVERSEERS, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

OVERSEERS: episkopos {ep-is'-kop-os}

an overseer, a man charged with the duty of seeing that things to be done by others are done rightly, any curator, guardian or superintendent; the superintendent, head or overseer of any Christian church

I PETER 5:1

1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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I CORINTHIANS 4:1

1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and *STEWARDS of the mysteries of God.

The [Greek] word [*huperetes*] rendered "ministers," means, literally, "under-rowers." The figure is that of a ship impelled by oars. The church is the ship; Christ commands; the rowers only obey orders. Since they have no right to give orders, no parties should be formed about them.

STEWARDS: *oikonomos* {oy-kon-om'-os}
Chamberlain, governor, the manager of household or of household affairs; esp. a steward, manager, superintendent (whether free-born or as was usually the case, a freed-man or a slave) to whom the head of the house or proprietor has intrusted the management of his affairs,

the care of receipts and expenditures, and the duty of dealing out the proper portion to every servant and even to the children not yet of age.

Stewards; dispensers, subordinate distributors. These "agents" were higher slaves.

The steward, or *oikonomos*, was the master's deputy in regulating the concerns of the family, providing food for the household, seeing it served out at the proper times and seasons, and in proper quantities.

He received all the cash, expended what was necessary for the support of the family, and kept exact accounts, which he was obliged at certain times to lay before the master.

I CORINTHIANS 4:2

2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

TITUS 1:4

4 To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

7 For a bishop MUST BE blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

I PETER 4:10

10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the *MANIFOLD grace of God.

MANIFOLD: poikilos {poy-kee'-los}

Divers, a various colours, variegated, of various sorts

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MATTHEW 24:47

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

MATTHEW 24:48

48 But and if that *EVIL servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

EVIL: kakos {kak-os'}

of a bad nature; not such as it ought to be, of a mode of thinking, feeling, acting; base, wrong, troublesome, injurious, pernicious, destructive,