

First in Anticipation of the future will Jesus and
be revealed - can only live for future if living for present
student, athlete

I- Be Serious - preparation for serious work - action

- 24 - Israhites ate passover in readiness for their
journey - Ex 12:11 - action is to have his mental powers
alert in expectation of Christ's coming = beginning of pilgrimage
who is always ready to move = the mind = mind
Mold us to be ready for what God calls him to do - a
decision - man busier, make it serious
- putting out of mind everything that would impede the
free action & movement = Abraham's hairy hair.
1 - Resolve in attitudes = make up your mind - a decision

I- Ready for action = get rid of anything that would impede
your journey - Ex 12:11 - attend to move

II Be Sober = a free from intemperance - self-control -
watchfulness = operating inhibition of things world,
disciplined, self-control, not self-indulgence -
keep self back from anything that would rob you of your
praise, reasoned judgement = dulls spiritual judgment
- don't be carried away by this fashion & that craze
mentally alert in world
morally aloof from world

III- Be Separated - "be holy"

1- Set apart from the world = "fashion"

2- Set apart to God = Since we belong to Him, we
are to become like Him.

- doing nothing = useful but useless = Matt 25:14-30
- Ques: The most important question facing us is not have we heard or truth have we learned - but what are we going to do w/ it? Truth is not a souvenir we hang on wall as momento of a conference - not an ornament but an instrument
- Jesus is not a Fool; James is Pej - deceived - & God has a right to expect & demand something of us.
- Parable is a picture of X's followers & their response to His gifts to this day.
- The emphasis is on the irresponsible servant - useless : what has he gained from you? Light,
Potter & Clay: Both gain = light that won't shine;
Salt that doesn't salt -
- Repat: most important issue, question: what you do w/ it - because

I - Our Responsibility to Do Something Is Inseparable

- 1- Parable teaches all are servants.
- 2- Our talents signify ability & opportunity for service
- 3- O-given = responsible of what you know & have - build or send - her w/out obeying is fool.
James 4:17; Luke 12:47; Parable of the Servant;
Rich Man & Lazarus

II - Our Failure To Do anything Is Inexplicable

- 15:15; 26 - O never overloads us, don't ask more than we can do
- His responsibility is lightest = my one talent
- Lazy
- Excuse; being afraid & failure no excuse
FAITHFULNESS ^{Truth: thought there would be no account} will be no account

it was to him just an attractive ornament to
be hung on the wall; his laziness

III- our accountability for Doing nothing
is inevitable = we will be called to
account for every opportunity, every scrap of
Truth we hear.

- 1- Because Doing nothing is wicked -
vs 26 - "wicked" = a strong word, seldom used
① what was nature of wickedness? not a thief,
not a liar, not a perjurer = not what he
did but what he failed to do - did nothing of
what had been committed to him.
② wickedness is uselessness = a - barren fig tree
 B - Priest & Levites c - watchmen not warning
 D - Doctor not healing
③ Sinned against the Trust of his master =
but was a trust to entrust part of his wealth by a
slave = But he despised it - So then not have
it -
④ Sin against his master = a personal sin
against X = vs 31-46 = scene at last judgment

- 2- Because Doing nothing is wasteful
① use of it increased its value - 2 faithful
servants
② You lose what you don't use = Law of Nature
Destroy them neglect a - garlic weeds
 B - House - Duty C - Home - wife D - Children
 E - Church - choir
Failure to use destroys greatly
③ Truth not obeyed is forgotten
④ Given to someone else = Blessing, com, talent

Matthew - words = English = Doing the best w/ what I have: what are you doing w/ what you have?

X delays His coming ① to test thoroughly the faithfulness of servants
② to find time & grace to repent.

Testimony: I never pass up an opportunity
to testify for my Lord - Really?