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***Are You a Faithful & Wise Servant?***  
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“Who then is a faithful and wise servant?” -Matthew 24:45a CSB

Faithful and wise. This is the standard that Jesus asks of his followers when He returns. These are the marks worthy of reward – not rich, not popular. There is no ministry title or academic credential. The description is simply faithful and wise.

The term “faithful” conveys a sense of loyalty and duty to a commander. This is not a resentful loyalty, but a worshipful loyalty – one sparked by love and joy. We faithfully respond to our Master because of He is worthy. He sits on the throne, yet He died for us to atone for our sin. Our response of faithfulness is a natural outcome of thankfulness and servanthood.

The word “wise” conveys a sense of discretion and right decisions. We offer opinions every day – are they rooted in fear of God or man? We make decisions every day – are they anchored in our faith or the world’s affairs? We have a daily choice to live wisely or foolishly. Our flesh may crave foolishness, but we can walk by the Spirit with wisdom.

Today, look for the opportunity to respond as a faithful and wise servant.



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