

Responding to the Thief in the Night

Matthew 24:36-51

I. Be Watchful: You Could Be Left! - v37-42

A. What happened to people who were not watchful?

1. How did people respond to Noah's preaching? - II Peter 2:5; Romans 10:17 & II Thessalonians 1:7-8
2. The time involved - v38.
 - a. What was their grace period? - v39
 - b. What is your grace period?

B. What will happen when the Lord returns? - v38; 40-41

II. Be Prepared: You Could Be Taken! - v43-44

A. What happens to sleepy landlords? - I Thessalonians 5:2.

B. How do you handle burglars?

1. You install an A _____, right?
2. You need to arm yourself S _____
- I Thessalonians 5:8 & Acts 2:40.
3. Will you be asleep spiritually when the Lord comes? - John 14:6

III. Be Faithful

A. Being a Christian means R _____ faithful
- v45-47

1. What are your responsibilities in the body of Christ?

2. Faithfulness is developing & using your natural & spiritual
G _____ - I Corinthians 4:2.

B. Putting off a decision for the Lord is R _____
business! - v48-51; Luke 12:16-21

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