**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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