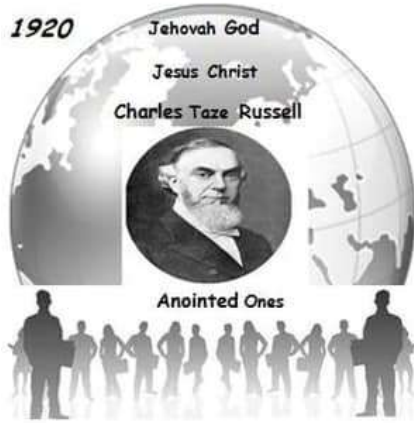


# Jehovah's Witness Guide to Understanding the "Faithful and Discreet Slave"

Matthew 24:45 "Who really is the faithful and discreet slave whom his master appointed over his domestics, to give them their food at the proper time?"

"But the path of the righteous ones is like the bright light that is getting lighter and lighter until the day is firmly established." (Proverbs 4:18)

<p><b>1881 Everyone</b></p> <p>We believe that <b>every member of this body of Christ</b> is engaged in the blessed work, either directly or indirectly, of giving meat in due season to the household of faith. Who then is that faithful and wise servant whom his Lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?" <i>Watchtower 1881 Nov page 291</i></p>	<p><b>1920 Charles Taze Russel</b></p> <p>Do we believe that the Lord chose as an earthly representative to serve the household of faith...and that the person so chosen was Charles Taze Russell? No one in present truth for a moment doubts that Brother Russell filled the office of the "faithful and wise servant...to give them meat in due season." <i>Watchtower April 1, 1920, pp.99-104</i></p>	<p><b>1930 The "Watchtower"</b></p> <p>"The Watchtower is the channel which Jehovah, our God, is using at this time to instruct the faithful remnant who are keeping the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ, and we, therefore, very thankfully accept the teachings of that journal." <i>Watchtower 1930 August 1 p.239</i></p>
<p><b>1932 The Remnant</b></p> <p>"These angels are invisible to human eyes and are there to carry out the orders of the Lord. No doubt they first hear the instruction which the Lord issues to his remnant and then these invisible messengers pass such instruction on to the remnant." <i>VINDICATION, Volume 3 (book, 1932)</i></p>	<p><b>1952 "Faithful &amp; Discreet Slave"</b></p> <p>"Jehovah has provided a channel, the "faithful and discreet slave" class, who are given spiritual "food at the proper time", and this spiritual food includes among other things the understandings of the prophecies in the course of their fulfillments." <i>Watchtower 1952 April 15 p.253</i></p>	<p><b>1960 "Faithful &amp; Discreet Slave"</b></p> <p>"The facts show that during this time...the "slave" class has served as God's sole collective channel for the flow of Biblical truth to men on earth. Just as the early Christian congregation collectively served as the channel of communication from heaven to earth, so in our time." <i>Watchtower 1960 July 15 pp.438-9</i></p>
<p><b>1981 Spirit-anointed ones</b></p> <p>"Jehovah God has also provided his visible organization, his "faithful and discreet slave," made up of spirit-anointed ones. Unless we are in touch with this channel of communication that God is using, we will not progress along the road to life, no matter how much Bible reading we do." <i>Watchtower 1981 December 1 p.27</i></p>	<p><b>2001 Anointed followers</b></p> <p>In fact, with God's day of judgment so near today, all the world should 'keep silent before the Sovereign Lord Jehovah' and hear what he says through the "little flock" of Jesus' anointed followers and their companions, his "other sheep." (Luke 12:32; John 10:16) <i>Watchtower 2001 February 15 p.14</i></p>	<p><b>2009 The Governing Body?</b></p> <p>"Christians who [have] received this anointing...do not believe that their being of the anointed gives them special insights...They do not believe they necessarily have more holy spirit than their companions of the "other sheep." They do not claim that their partaking of the emblems places them above the appointed elders in the congregation." <i>Watchtower 2009 June 15 p.23, 24</i></p>



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