

Living Ready for Jesus

Jesus is coming soon. Though we can't and shouldn't try to determine the exact date of Christ's return, we must discern the times and the seasons, just as He told us to.

Based on fulfilled prophecies and the turbulence in our midst, I believe Jesus could come at any time. With all my heart, I believe that a generation that walks the earth today will live to see the rapture. But even if I'm wrong, Jesus still calls us to live ready, alert, prayerful and watchful.

Furthermore, none of us knows how many days we have left on this earth. Life can change in the blink of an eye. May we refuse to take our days for granted and instead wrap our arms around faith, hope and love, and live in a manner worthy of His Name!

So, how do we live ready?

We open our eyes to the ways God is moving in our midst, as those who seek Him will find Him (Matt. 7:7-8).

We throw off sin, compromise and petty thoughts associated with an earthbound life, as those who believe they have better things to do than grovel in the dirt will do better things (Heb. 12:1).

We engage our faith, as those who expect great things from God will accomplish great things for God (Eph. 3:20).

We pray passionately, as those who approach God with holy confidence and humble dependence will see miraculous answers to prayer (1 John 3:21-22).

We give generously, as those who sow generously will reap generously, and it's impossible to out-give God (2 Cor. 9:6).

We make every moment count for eternity, as those who live now with eternity in mind will have a greater capacity to enjoy heaven when they get there (Eccl. 3:11).

We are not made for this place! We're just passing through. May we refuse the curse of a hurried, disengaged life. May we instead awaken to the power, provision and promise written over us. May we access and appropriate all God offers us, that we might live up to our high privilege in Him.

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