

Be Prepared

Matthew 24:34-51

Introduction

- Matthew 25:13 – “**Watch** therefore, for ye know not the day nor the hour.”
 - Parable of the wise and unwise maidens
- We are not told when the end will be
 - Yet we must still be prepared
- How, then, shall we prepare?
 - Many things to consider
 - Some practical ideas

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- Pray
 - Jesus gives examples
 - Matthew 6:6-15 – “pray to thy Father ...”
 - God’s will be done, daily food, forgiveness, deliverance
 - We are to pray alone

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- Pray
 - Apostles/early disciples saw the importance
 - Acts 2:42 – “... continued stedfastly ...”
 - Acts 4:23-31 – “... with one accord”
 - Give thanks/ask for strength
 - We are to pray publicly
- Do we spend time in prayer?

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- Study
 - If we don’t know God’s will ...
 - We won’t be able to be strong
 - Or resist temptation
 - II Timothy 2:15 – “rightly dividing the word of truth” (KJV)
 - I Timothy 4:13 – “give heed to reading”
 - Timothy was to “give” himself to this work
 - “Give diligence”
 - II Timothy 4:9, 21; Titus 3:12; Hebrews 4:11; II Peter 3:14

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- Study
 - We must also “give” ourselves to this work
 - Do we have a daily Bible study/reading plan?
 - Do we follow it each day?
 - Read two chapters in Old Testament and two chapters in New Testament each day
 - Complete Old Testament every 1.3 years
 - Complete New Testament 2.8 times per year
 - Are you present for all our regularly scheduled Bible classes?

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- Teach
 - As we pray and study we must go forth and teach
 - Colossians 3:16 – “... teaching and admonishing”
 - Teach each other
 - I Timothy 5:17 – “... labor in the word and in teaching”
 - Teach those outside of the body
 - II Timothy 2:2 – “... commit thou to faithful men”
 - We must all be ready to teach

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- Before any of this will help us, we must first be Christians
 - John 9:31 – “We know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and do his will, him he heareth.”

What Must I Do To Be Saved? Hear the Word of God

Romans 10:1 – “But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, **the word of faith, which we preach**”

Believe in that Word

Romans 10:11 – “For the scripture saith, Whosoever **believeth** on him shall not be put to shame.”

What Must I Do To Be Saved? Repent of your sins

Acts 3:19 – “**Repent** ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord”

What Must I Do To Be Saved? Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

I John 4:15 – “Whosoever shall **confess** that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God”

What Must I Do To Be Saved? Be immersed in water (baptized)

Acts 2:38 – “Repent ye, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”

Remain faithful

Revelation 2:10 – “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life.”