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NEWSLETTER

PREPPING FOR THE COMING DAYS

Amidst living in uncertain times, it seems that there are many threatening scenarios on the horizon. Consequently, there are many voices, videos, U-Tubers giving us information about prepping. Preparing for the coming days whatever they may bring. They tell you how to save food, grow your own food, store water, store up on supplies such as medications, First Aid kits, weapons and of course, toilet paper. And don't forget, have cash on hand.

The Bible holds the answers to all situations of life as it is a living book that tells the future. It also tells us what are signs we should look for, what will happen and what we should do in what it calls the Last Days. We have previously discussed some of these signs and scriptures in previous Newsletters. The Bible also tells us how to prepare and that preparation does not involve merely stripping the shelves bare in the grocery store. It speaks of another type of preparation for the days ahead. It rather speaks of how to prepare spiritually, how to strengthen ourselves spiritually and how to arm ourselves with spiritual weapons.

Luke 21:35-36 (AMPC) For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth. Keep awake then and watch at all times; praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things that will take place and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.

I Corinthians 16:13-14 (AMP) Be alert and on your guard, stand firm in your faith, be brave like men. Be strong. Let everything you do be done in love to God and man as inspired by God's love for us.

First of all, the previous verse tells us that everything we do should be done in love to God and man. If we see and hear anger and animosity around us, we are not to respond in a like manner by spewing forth more anger and hate but rather love. We are to come in the opposite spirit and in so doing, we are using a spiritual weapon.

Both of these verses speak of being alert or watching. There are many other verses that use these same words in conjunction with the last days. We see that watching is not a passive activity like you are watching a movie. It involves being alert to the point that you are on your guard. It means praying with spiritual insight. It involves a two-sided prayer where you speak to God and He speaks to you. You must not only hear His voice but also

be able to distinguish His voice from other voices including your own. Watching is praying in the Spirit and seeing with spiritual eyes and hearing with spiritual ears. In other words, we **must wake up, grow up and use** what God has given to you when you were born again and grow up spiritually.

Ephesians 5:27 That He might present it to Himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing: but it should be holy and without blemish.

As members of this glorious church that Jesus calls His bride, this is speaking of us. The end time church is to be powerful and demonstrating the power of God, winning souls, walking in purity. What things should we be doing to prepare ourselves in this hour?

Preparing for the Kings' return – Prepping spiritually

1. Study scriptures concerning what it actually means to be born again. It doesn't mean you pray a prayer and then just wait until you go to heaven. It means that something spiritual happened to you. You were dead spiritually and now you are alive. It means He put His Spirit, part of Himself in you and you are a new creation and all things are new. You have access to abilities in the spirit realm and natural realm you never had before. He gives you spiritual giftings when you are filled with the Holy Spirit. The Bible tells us to covet or earnestly desire these spiritual gifts.
2. Pray in other tongues as much as possible. The Apostle Paul did, that is part of what caused him to have such spiritual revelation. He said, "I pray in tongues more than anyone." This is how you can pray without ceasing. This is how you grow in gifts and pray effectively.
3. Read the Bible as much as possible and also meditate on the scriptures. The Bible says that the scripture is like a mirror that we look into and see who we really are. When we look away from it, we often forget who we are. But when we meditate on scripture it becomes ours and causes it to become a part of our life. This is how we become living epistles to be read of all men or in other words, a walking Bible.
4. Have intimate fellowship with God. Your time of prayer should not be a list of requests for yourself and others. It is a time of going into your prayer closet, a set apart place. You follow His protocol for approaching Him, because besides being your Father, He is your King. Follow the instructions of Jesus in Matthew 6:5-15. Approach Him as Father, worship Him and His Names. He will reveal Himself to you as He did to the Patriarchs through His Name. Worship Him until you feel His tangible presence. Forgive everyone who has offended you, even if you have done it before.
5. Fast regularly. If you are having problems with your flesh, with sin, starve it out. Fasting makes your spirit stronger and your flesh weaker. Fasting will also give you answers to questions and increase your ability to hear God's voice.
6. Be a giver. If you are not tithing, start tithing so the devourer ie satan doesn't have access to your life. Don't merely tithe, mix faith when you give. Don't just tithe, give offerings and first fruits. You won't go broke but rather you will have more than before.
7. Go to church. Go to church when you don't feel like it. Go to church even if you had a bad experience in the past. That is just a familiar use of the enemy to cause people to get out of God's will. Serve in church and serve others. Jesus said, He came to serve, and He demonstrated that throughout His ministry.
8. Win souls. Have a heart for the lost. Your friends, your neighbors, your co-workers, your family, people on the street, in Walmart need Jesus. Learn how to share the Gospel, give your testimony, tell others what Jesus has done for you. Bring someone to heaven with you when Jesus comes. Don't go to heaven without bringing others with you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clifton & Leta McDowell - They have just returned from an exciting trip to Kenya and have many things to share about what God has done. Sunday October 5th 10:30 AM & 6 PM.
Ivan Torres will be preaching on Sunday October 12th.

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