**Building a Wall of Protection Around your Life: (sjm 11-29-2023)**

**2 Thes 2:3** Let **no man deceive you by any means**: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first*, (the abandonment of you r faith) (people will rebel against God)* and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

 **Deceive –** beguile, to cheat, to trick or mislead to a false conclusion.

**Rick Renner** – Of concern is the changing spiritual climate in with accommodations of the worlds system will become the norm. The world will become increasingly hostile toward and intolerant of those who stand for moral absolutes.

* **Matt 7:22-23** Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ **23**Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

 **Knew you** (was intimate with) work hard, busy, always doing something

 **Matt 21:28 T**ells the story of a son who says he will work and then does not as opposed to a son who says he will not but repents and does his father's wishes.

* **Matt 24: 12**Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of **most** will grow cold, **13**but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. **14**And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

 **To Stand firm:** *Endures or preservers****:*** *to be in the right condition before God*

* **Luke 21:36** Be always on the **watch**, **and** **pray** that you may be able to **escape all** that is about to happen, **and** that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

**What Can we do to Build a Wall of Protection Around Us?**

1. **Pray Every Morning: Ps 5:3** My voice shall thou hear in the morning, O Lord in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee and will look up.

 **Mark 1:35** And in the morning, **rising** up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

 **Eph 6:18 18**And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.

1. **Read the Bible Every Day (make it the top priority of your life)**

 **Ps 119:105** The Word is a lamp unto my feet & a light unto my path.

 **Joshua 1:7** Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest.

 **Heb 4:12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

 **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God

 **10**He was in the world… and, the world did not recognize him.

 **14** he Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

1. **Quickly Confess sins and receive the cleaning of Jesus’ blood (maintain a sensitive heart)**

 **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

 **Prov 28:13** He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

1. **Matt 25: Be Willing to Distribute to Others What God has Entrusted to You:**

**“Parable of Bags of God”**

**14**“Again, (the Kingdom of Heaven) will be like a man (Jesus) going on a journey, who called his servants and *entrusted his wealth to them.* **15**To one he gave **five bags of gold**, to another **two bags,** and to another **one bag**,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matt+25&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-24024a" \o "See footnote a)] each according to his “**ability” (a supernatural being who has administrative powers)** . Then he went on his journey. **16**The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. **17**So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. **18**But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

**21& 23:**  You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

**28** So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. **29***For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance.* Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. **30**And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

1. **Make a Covenant with your eyes Ps 101:3** I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes:

 **Matt 6:22** Our eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light.

1. **Maintain a Strong relationship with those to whom you are spiritually accountable.**

 **Prov 11:14** Where no council is, the people fall, but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

 **Prov 24:6** Also says – In the multitude of counselors there is safety.

 **Ps 54:4** Amphd Behold, God is my helper *and* ally; The Lord is the sustainer of my soul [my upholder]