

Luke 21:25 (NASB) “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves.”

Truth number one: There is a day that we are to ANTICIPATE.

Luke 21:34 (NASB) “Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap.”

1. The day of the Lord will come UNEXPECTEDLY.

1 Thessalonians 5:2-3 (NASB) “For you yourselves know full well that the Day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, “Peace and safety!” then destruction will come upon them suddenly like birth pangs upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.”

2. The day of the Lord will come SUDDENLY.

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Truth number two: There are dangers that we are to AVOID.

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1. The DISSIPATIONS of life:

Philippians 3:18-19 (NASB) “For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, ¹⁹whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.”

2. The STIMULATIONS of life:

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3. The OCCUPATIONS of life:

Luke 21:34 (NASB) “Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the WORRIES of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap.”

Truth number three: There are DUTIES are to assume.

Luke 21:36 (NASB) “But keep on the alert at all times, praying in order that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

1. WATCHFULNESS

- **Expectancy**

Titus 2:13 (NASB) “Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for himself a people for his own possession, zealous for good deeds.”

The necessity of remaining ready
Luke 21:30-36

2 Timothy 4:8 (NASB) "In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing."

Not only will be judged according to our expectancy but we will be rewarded for it as well.

- **Transparency**

1 John 1:7 (NASB) "If we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin."

- **Activity**

2 Peter 3:11-12a (NASB) "Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God."

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NASB) "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."

2. **PRAYERFULNESS:**

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- **Prayer must be continuous:**

Ephesians 6:18 (NASB) "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints."

- **Prayer must be victorious:**

Jude 20, 21, 24, 25 (NASB) "But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith; praying in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life ... Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy"

Application:

What are some things in your life that crowd God out?

Are you capable to sharing the reason that you have hope in Christ with those who are not saved?

Is your prayer life continuous and victorious?

If yes, then what has helped you in this area?

If no, what must you do in this area of life?

Why should you be ready right now for the return of Christ?

Are you ready if Christ were to return today?

What adjustments do you need to make in your life to obey Christ's commands?

Memory verse: 2 Timothy 4:2 (NASB) "Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction."