

"... Are WE Spiritually Watching and Praying Today? – Pt 3" Teaching Notes

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Today's Focal LifeText: "So **be ready** [alert; watching] **all the time**. **Pray** that you will be strong enough to escape all these things that will [are about to] happen and that you will be able to stand before the Son of Man." **Luke 21:36** ^{EXB}

reWIND & reVIEW from Pt 2 ...

Today's Focus LifeWalk Text ... **Luke 21:34-36** ^{NLT}

Matthew 24:42-44 ^{Amplified} / **Matthew 25:13** ^{Amplified}

We are to "_____ **wait for**" Christ's return, not just _____ **wait around** (**Hebrews 9:28** ^{Amplified Classic}). Jesus was emphatic that His followers should _____ (defn. "**confident expectation**") for His return, _____ His return and _____ for His return! In addition, our enthusiastic _____ and _____ should _____ as we see more & more world events fulfilling Bible prophecies—especially those that point to the increasing nearness of Christ's return.

Spiritual watchfulness sees (spiritually perceives) the danger / evil (temptation) coming which prompts us to fervent prayer ...

"A _____ person foresees [sees ^{ESV}] _____ and takes _____. The simpleton [fools ^{NCV}] goes _____ on _____ and suffers the _____. "**Proverbs 22:3** ^{NLT}

Spiritual _____ is so very _____. In this state, we are **no longer** _____; our **senses are greatly** _____. It's then so **easy for the enemy to** _____ **us when our guard is down while we are so spiritually** _____ / _____!

"Be **sober (awake & alert)**, be vigilant (intentionally on guard); because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." **1 Peter 5:8** ^{NKJV}

Staying _____ of the powerful behind-the-scenes role of _____ and his _____ enables us to _____ the atrocious evil and madness of this _____. It also _____ us to "_____ " them!

James 4:7 / Peter 5:9 / Revelation 16:15 ^{Amplified} / **Revelation 3:1-5 / Revelation 3:18**

We must not be caught _____ (spiritually _____) & _____. **Isaiah 61:10** ^{NLT}

"The closer we draw to the second coming of Christ, the **more** _____ it is that we _____ **out of spiritual** _____! Indeed, we have entered the fearful end-time years that are the grand climax of human civilization. **If ever there was a time to pay** _____ **and get** _____, **it is now!** Furthermore, none of us knows when he or she will die. Being _____ for the end of life should be our _____" ~ Don Hooser, "Jesus' Warning to 'Watch,'" 1.26.2011, UCG.org

Romans 13:11-14 ^{Amplified} / **Ephesians 5:15-16** ^{EXB}

Watching and praying for the return of Jesus Christ will do us as Christians _____ **if** we are **not** _____ **AND** _____ **ourselves for His return.**

What does it mean to be "_____?" We _____ ...

... **to live by every** _____ **of God that He taught us** as our _____;

... to be _____ **with the** _____ **of God's Spirit daily;**

... to **stand** _____ **upon** _____, **no matter what;** and

... we _____ **others!**

The parable of the 10 virgins (**Matthew 25:1-13**) / **Ephesians 5:18** ^{CJB} / **Matthew 24:44**
Watching _____ us & _____ us to both _____ **READY AND** to _____ **EVER-READY!**

A "_____ " follower of Jesus Christ will ...

001 ... _____ & _____ **& seek to keep Him** _____ in their daily life (i.e. there are to be no areas off limit to Jesus)!

Matthew 6:33 ^{Amplified} / **Proverbs 3:6** ^{TLB} / **Matthew 22:36-39** ^{NLT}

002 ... **seek to** _____ **and quickly** _____ **&** _____ **of their** _____ **whenever they do fall – stumble!**

Proverbs 28:13 ^{NLT} / **1 John 1:9** ^{Amplified} / **Proverbs 3:8a** ^{Amplified}

A³ (Accept, Apply & Act)

Extra Notes / Spiritual Insights & Questions ...