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“FUTUREWORLD: PART 3” *How to Win the Dating Game*

Acts 1:6-8 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

II Timothy 2:23 Don’t have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.

Matthew 25:13 Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

Romans 13:11-14 Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. ¹²The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

II Peter 3:11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness.

II Peter 3:14 Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless.

I John 3:2-3 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. ³And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Luke 12:42-43 The Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and sensible steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time? ⁴³Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.

I. Some Scriptures make it seem as if Jesus is coming back very _____ after His departure

II. Some Scriptures make it seem as if there will be a substantial **d** _____ before Christ's return

III. Some Scriptures indicate that we will not _____ the t _____ of Christ's return

Application:

1. Avoid the _____ game
2. Stay **r** _____ for the return of Jesus by
 - a. Pursuing moral **p** _____
 - b. Doing your **d** _____

Scripture References:

John 21:18-23 “Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go.”¹⁹ Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me!”²⁰ Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; the one who also had leaned back on His bosom at the supper and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?”²¹ So Peter seeing him said to Jesus, “Lord, and what about this man?”²² Jesus said to him, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!”²³ Therefore this saying went out among the brethren that that disciple would not die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but only, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?”

Matthew 16:27 The Son of Man will come with his angels in the glory of his Father and will judge all people according to their deeds.

Matthew 24:30 And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

John 14:3 If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

Acts 1:11 Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.

Hebrews 9:28 Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

Romans 13:11-12 Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.¹² The night is almost gone, and the day is near.

Hebrews 10:37 For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay.

James 5:8-9 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.⁹ Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

I Peter 4:7 The end of all things is near.

Revelation 3:11 I am coming quickly

Revelation 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.”

II Peter 3:3-4 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts,⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.”

II Peter 3:8 But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.

II Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

Luke 19:11-12 Jesus went on to tell a parable, because He was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately.¹² So He said, “A nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return.”

Matthew 25:19 After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

Matthew 25:5(NIV) The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

Matthew 24:14 This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:36 But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Matthew 24:42-44 Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.