

**“How to be ready for His Coming!” – Pt. 2
Matthew 24:44**

Big Idea – I need to live my life so I’m ready if Jesus would come today.

Matthew 24:44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at a time you don’t expect him.

1. Gather with God’s people for worship.

Hebrews 10:25 “...let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

2. Grow in our relationship with Christ.

2 Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Glory be to him now and forever! Amen.

3. Give what God has given to us.

Luke 19:13: “Put this money to work until I come back.” Are you giving of your time, your talents, and your treasures for kingdom purposes, knowing you will give an account when He returns? What about your will?

4. Go with the gospel to our neighbors and the nations.

Acts 1:6 disciples asked about the kingdom dates. But Jesus in Verse 8 calls us not to be focused on date setting, but to be Spirit-empowered witnesses:

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses for me in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

Jesus told us in Matthew 28:20 “While you’re going make disciples everywhere, baptizing them, and teaching them to do all the things I’ve commanded you.”

5. Grow in purity.

1 John 3:3: “And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself as He is pure.”

Would you be okay if He had returned when you were involved in that secret sin this week?

6. Make peace with others.

If Jesus were to come back right now, would He find you at peace? This word originally referred to the binding or joining together of a broken or divided object, or relationship. It literally means, to set at one again. It is the opposite of being at war.

James 5:9: “Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.”

Hebrews 12:14 “Follow peace with all people and holiness...”

15 “Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.”

Do you want Him to come back while you're nursing that grudge? Do you want Him to return when a lack of forgiveness is tearing your relationships apart?

7. Put Christ and His kingdom first.

The evangelist D.L. Moody once said: “I have been working three times as hard since I came to understand that my Lord is coming again.”

Luke 21:28 says: “Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

When Jesus returns, do you want to be found being lazy?

What about regular worship with God's people?

Do you want Him to appear when you're being selfish with your financial resources and not giving to expand His kingdom?

It's time to be completely committed, fully engaged, and passionately involved in kingdom living. This is no time to play it safe or sit on the fence.

Make sure that you're a saved, born again, baptized member of a Bible believing, Bible preaching church

Giving your time, talents and treasure & Going with the Gospel.

Put Him first in your time, talents and treasure. Trust & obey Him Completely!