

A Hive of "Be's"

Scripture: Romans 13:11-15
2 Peter 3:14

- C. In encouraging the discouraged
- D. In creating excitement in others about His return

Introduction

God has always been more concerned with what we are than what we do, for what we are always is seen in what we do. These passages give us instruction in things to "be" instead of things to do.

I. Be aware of the times

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 KJV But of the times and the seasons. brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

- A. Conditions at Christ's coming
 - 1. Violence
 - 2. Family breakups
 - 3. Pornography
 - 4. Social upheaval
 - 5. Wars
 - 6. Earthquakes
- B. Consult Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21

II. Be prepared for whatever comes

Matthew 24:44a KJV Therefore be ye also ready....

- A. Prepare in prayer
- B. Prepare in the power of the Holy Spirit
- C. Prepare in hope of His return
 - 1. Anticipate
 - 2. Expect
 - 3. Ready -- keep in order

III. Be involved in God's work

Matthew 24:46 KJV Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

- A. In labor for the Lord
 - 1. In ministry
 - 2. In worship
 - 3. In witness
- B. In giving