

Ready

Scripture: Matthew 24:44

Introduction

Time is humanity's most precious commodity. Once squandered, it cannot be replaced. And time is running out on our stay on this planet. God's people have a rendezvous with their destinies.

It is time to be prepared, to be ready for whatever God sends our way.

I. Prepare for living

2 Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.

- A. Life principles of the Word
 - 1. Grace--His ability to be a successful Christian
 - 2. Victory through His resurrection--Romans 6
 - 3. Christian responsibility
- B. Applying the principles
 - 1. Prayer and fasting
 - 2. Meditation

II. Prepare for dying

2 Peter 1:14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

2 Timothy 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

- A. Keeping all things ready for our departure from this life
- B. Keeping this life in perspective
- C. Not letting this life become too important

III. Prepare for leaving

Hebrews 9:28 Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

- A. Setting our affection on things above
Colossians 3:1-2 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth.
- B. Seeking the eternal during the finite
Only one life
 Twill soon be past
Only what's done
 For Christ will last