

Luke 12:35-40 NLT

35 “Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning,
36 as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding feast. Then you will be *ready* to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks. 37 The servants who are *ready* and waiting for his return will be rewarded. I tell you the truth, he himself will seat them, put on an apron, and serve them as they sit and eat! 38 He may come in the middle of the night or just before dawn. But whenever he comes, he will reward the servants who are ready. 39 “Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would not permit his house to be broken into. 40 You also must be *ready all the time*, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.”

“People Get Ready”

2 Peter 3:3-6 NLT

3 Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the *truth* and following their *own desires*. 4 They will say, “What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created.” 5 *They deliberately forget that God made the heavens long ago by the word of his command*, and he brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water. 6 Then he used the water to destroy the ancient world with a mighty flood.

Hebrews 12:1 NLT

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, *especially the sin* that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

2 Corinthians 4:16 NIV

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

3 John 2 NKJV

2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your *soul* prospers.

We never get victory over something by running away from it.

Romans 12:2 NKJV

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be *transformed by the renewing of your mind*, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

If there's no struggle, there's no progress

1 Peter 5:10 NLT

10 In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So *after you have suffered a little while*, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.

Clean up after yourself, right away.

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1 John 4:20 NLT 20 If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?

Follow the truth

John 14:6 NIV

6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Follow His Word

John 8:31-32 NKJV

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 15:7 NIV

7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Follow His way

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