

We Don't Know the Day Nor the Hour

2 Peter 3:17-18_a (NIV) “Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. ¹⁸But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

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

How do we live as though Christ were coming back today?

1. Live with excitement.

Romans 16:20_a (NIV) “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.”

Revelation 21:4 (NIV) “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

2. Live with expectation.

Matthew 24:42 (NIV) “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.”

Matthew 24:43 (NIV) “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.”

Matthew 24:44 (NIV) “So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

3. Live with purity.

Ephesians 5:25_b-27 (NIV) “Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.”

2 Peter 3:13-14 (NIV) “But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. ¹⁴So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.”

Revelation 19:7-8_a (ESV) “Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; ⁸it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”

4. Live with purpose.

Luke 12:35-38 (NIV) “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak.

He is Coming Again!

Revelation 22:12_a (NIV) “Look, I am coming soon!”

Revelation 1:7_a (NIV) “‘Look, he is coming with the clouds,’ and ‘every eye will see him, even those who pierced him’”

Revelation 22:20_b (NIV) “Come, Lord Jesus.”