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<https://www.christianpost.com/news/david-jeremiah-shares-how-christians-should-prepare-for-end-times.html>

Dr. David Jeremiah -

- Christians should prepare for the End Times: 'Ignore it at your own peril'
- Urged Christians to 'be ready for the return of Christ'
- of world events - "There's no excuse for us, if we read the Bible, to be surprised. Because the Bible tells us that this is going to happen,"
- I believe that Christians really need to stay glued to the Scripture and not get too far away from the truth because it's pretty precarious right now.
  - We uncover the lies that make up our world system SO THAT Christians can see EXACTLY what it is they're so in love with that keeps them out of the bible. (it's not a time issue, it's a love issue)
- "The Bible says, 'Be careful that no man deceives you.' Well, we live in a time when the truth is almost gone, and nobody knows what to do with that," he said. "And then the Bible talks about wars and rumors of wars and all kinds of sickness and pestilence, and we just went through the COVID experience. It's the first worldwide pandemic that I've ever been a part of, and maybe the first one that was totally worldwide."
- concluding, "You can ignore it all you want to, it's going to happen anyway," he said. "If you do what I do, you meet a lot of people who think that because they don't believe it, that makes it untrue. Well, it doesn't matter whether you believe it or not, it's true anyway, and you better wake up to it. Because if you don't, one day, you're going to experience it. ... You can ignore it if you want to, but it's you do it at your own peril."

If we are avoiding / not studying like we should, why aren't we and what do we do to fix it?

## Gives understanding to the simple

**Ps 119:130** ¶ The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

unfolding = Heb. pethach = opening or entrance

opening or entrance is something you walk through

opening to a store, a house, a secret room

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gives understanding to the simple

simple = easily persuaded, gullible

idea = the effect of God's word = opens the mind to solidify the simple

speaks of growth. Song of Sol. 'if she is a door...'

Could this be why

**Acts 4:13** Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.

how? examples?

What does it cost to get this?

Do all Christians have it then? Automatic? It surely costs something...

What are we willing to pay for this?

If we are not, how is it that the 'wealth' (time) we do have is worth more than this?

**Pr 1:4** To give prudence to the naive, To the youth knowledge and discretion,

Prudence – ormah = craftiness,

Example: Joshua 9 - Gibeon after Joshua conquered Ai and Jericho.

in self-preservation - Dressed down & put on worn out sandals, clothes, worn out saddle bags – said, "We've traveled from a long way away, make a covenant with us"

Israelites didn't ask God about it

Got tricked (they *craftily* made this covenant) – same word

Can be used for evil,

Can be used for good (this craftiness)

Mt 10:16 ¶ "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves.

How does God's word give you sort of reverse craftiness?

- Bad bad says the buyer
- do not be unequally yoked
- Rachel – hid 'gods' she didn't want Jacob to find, around her and said she was on her period & couldn't get up

Wisdom says: (Pr.9:4) <sup>4</sup> "Whoever is naive, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks understanding she says, <sup>5</sup> "Come, eat of my food And drink of the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup> "Forsake *your* folly and live, And proceed in the way of understanding."