

Will You Live a Self-Controlled Life in 2025? (part 2)
Are you prepared for the good and the bad together?
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Review

Live your life in the light of eternity.

As the return of Jesus seems to be closer than ever, the most important thing in life is to be right with Him, and to find out what He wants in your life, and fulfill it!

Matthew 6:10 (NKJV)

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

God wants you to put Him and His Word first place in your life. He wants you to love your spouse. He wants you to be close to your children and discipline them. He wants you to work hard and be industrious and not waste your time on things that in the end don't matter. He wants you to live honorably in all your relationships, to accept responsibility for your failures and not blame others, to love and forgive without reservation, and treat others with kindness and respect.

The Antichrist spirit that is rising worldwide wants you to abandon yourself to even whim and desire, because you only live once. It seeks to move you away from strong family ties with spouse and children. It urges you to give in to every base thought and feeling you have, to live for the now. Just forget the future! It urges you to anesthetize yourself with excess - partying, overeating, drinking, drugs, sex, excessively watching movies, excessively scrolling social media, playing online games (for the younger) and just filling your life with whatever you can to forget the hardships that we all face! That spirit urges you to downplay your relationship with Jesus and keep your life filled with other things.

Pain seeks pleasure.

Psalms 16:11 (NKJV)

You will show me the path of life;

In Your presence is fullness of joy;

At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

So, which way will you go this year?

Will you exercise self-control?

Or will you go with the crowd and give yourself to all sorts of excesses?

Today:

Are you prepared for the good and the bad together?

The church age is coming to a close and we are entering the period of the Second Coming of Christ, which is a time of judgment!

Ephesians 1:10 - JB Phillips

For God had allowed us to know the secret of His plan, and it is this: He purposes in His sovereign will that all human history shall be consummated in Christ, that everything that exists in Heaven or earth shall find its perfection and fulfilment in Him.

God wants to use you to minister His life to people this year.

Will you let Him?

Our mission statement here at Victory is - *Helping People Become Who God Created Them To Be.*

If you haven't figured out what gift God has given you to use in service to others, we can help you.

Victory Pathway is scheduled for Sunday, February 2, 2025 at 4:00 pm. There we can help you understand what God is saying to you as to your giftings from Him.

We have a spiritual gifts test that we provide you in our second Victory Pathway class that can help you understand what gifts God has placed in you to serve others.

This is a time to be careful with yourself and be self-controlled instead of being controlled by the winds of our changing world!

We are in an intense spiritual battle right now!

God has called us to live self-controlled lives in an out of control world!

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NLT)

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. 2 For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. 3 They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. 4 They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. 5 They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

I just don't know of a more accurate way to say it than The Passion Translation!

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (TPT)

But you need to be aware that in the final days the culture of society will become extremely fierce and difficult for the people of God. 2 People will be self-centered lovers of themselves and obsessed with money. They will boast of great things as they strut around in their arrogant pride and mock all that is right. They will ignore their own families. They will be ungrateful and ungodly. 3 They will become addicted to hateful and malicious slander. Slaves to their desires, they will be ferocious, belligerent haters of what is good and right. 4 With brutal treachery, they will act without restraint, bigoted and wrapped in clouds of their conceit. They will find their delight in the pleasures of this world more than the pleasures of the loving God. 5 They may pretend to have a respect for God, but in reality they want nothing to do with God's power. Stay away from people like these!

One other description of today that is so applicable is Jesus Words to His disciples about the world just prior to His return:

Luke 21:25-28 (AMP)

And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth [there will be] distress (trouble and anguish) of nations in bewilderment and perplexity [without resources, left wanting, embarrassed, in doubt, not knowing which way to turn] at the roaring (the echo) of the tossing of the sea, 26 Men swooning away or expiring with fear and dread and apprehension and expectation of the things that are coming on the world; for the [very] powers of the heavens will be shaken and caused to totter. 27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with great (transcendent and overwhelming) power and [all His kingly] glory (majesty and splendor). 28 Now when these things begin to occur, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption (deliverance) is drawing near.

Luke 21:34-35 (TPT)

Be careful that you never allow your hearts to grow cold. Remain passionate and free from anxiety and the worries of this life. Then you will not be caught off guard by what happens. Don't let me come and find you drunk or careless in living like everyone else. 35 For that day

will come as a shocking surprise to all, like a downpour that drenches everyone, catching many unaware and unprepared.

The time people refer to as The tribulation is coming - a period of 7 years - and is one of the most difficult times the world has ever known. Get ready for it.

Daniel 12:1-2 (NKJV)

At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book. 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.

The other side of the challenges is the return of Jesus and eternity with Him!

I see two things happening right now:

A move of the Spirit of God.

A deep darkness covering the earth.

Isaiah 60:1-3 (NKJV)

Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. 3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

1. A move of the Spirit of God

This will precede the judgments of the Day of the Lord during what is called The Tribulation just before Jesus returns!

The first part of those seven years is the wrath of the Antichrist against those he doesn't like - Christian's and Jews. And there will be a move of the Holy Spirit during that time.

The last couple of years of that time will be the wrath of God against those who reject His Kingdom and rule on the earth. And we will be removed by the rapture before the wrath of God comes.

Many believe and teach that we will leave here before the global government comes to power.

I see it differently.

We will be here for the first part of this time when the global government begins, but then will be raptured away before God's wrath comes!

Joel 2:28-32 (NLT)

Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. 29 In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike. 30 And I will cause wonders in the heavens and on the earth— blood and fire and columns of smoke. 31 The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and terrible day of the LORD arrives. 32 But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved,

Acts 3:19-21 (NLT)

Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. 20 Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah. 21 For he must remain in heaven until the time for the final restoration of all things, as God promised long ago through his holy prophets.

For this to occur, we must be willing to humble ourselves.

2. A deep darkness covering the earth.

Again, both revival and judgment happen at the same time.

But before Jesus returns, the antiChrist will seek control!

Let me mingle some current events with what the Bible reveals. This is NOT being political. It IS showing you how practical the application of Scripture is to current events.

President elect Donald Trump is hated profusely by the many because he refuses to be a globalist! Pray for him.

Satan is desirous to take over the world through the use of a global government that is overseen by a globalist person the Bible calls AntiChrist.

There seems to be three components to the global government:

A worldwide political system.

A worldwide economic system.
And a worldwide combined religion.

The spirit of Antichrist is loose worldwide, looking to install a global government to lead every nation politically, financially, morally, and spiritually.

The motive behind this spirit of Antichrist is to replace God and His Son Jesus Christ with a new set of standards for living and relating to one another.

The spirit of Antichrist wants to remove any acknowledgement of God, Jesus, the Bible, and the Ten Commandments from the world.

1 John 2:18 (NKJV)

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

1 John 2:22-23 (NKJV)

Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. 23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

The spirit of Antichrist wants to do away with the Ten Commandments that God gave Moses, which is the greatest set of laws ever given to mankind to help sinful people honor God and get along with each other.

Demon spirits that promote immortality in every form and that promote lawlessness are seeking entrance into American life just like they are in the rest of the world!

Every time a person commits an immoral act they are bowing their knee to demon spirits and the spirit of AntiChrist.

The Antichrist spirit has a goal: for all to be the same; for everyone to be exactly equal; for no one having more than another, and for all being told by this global government what they can do, say, think, and value, and what they cannot do.

The goal of the Antichrist spirit is a complete absence of morals. Anybody can live any way they choose. Lying, cheating, stealing, lusting, all forms of sexual behavior as legit, and all bowing to the will of the global government for the greater good, and for world peace.

That is one of the reasons for a huge persecution of Christians and Jews during the reign of the Global system (AntiChrist).

It is a trick, a lie, a ruse, and a scheme to rob God of His place and to rob His Son's place in the world!

Here is what is clear from scripture that is coming - a judgment on the whole system is coming!

Every system that Satan has set up to rule the world will be destroyed by Jesus in His Second Coming.

In the book of Revelation, there is a clear pattern that shows what is coming.

Revelation 4 shows God as the Creator and Sustainer of all things.

Revelation 5 shows God with the earth's title deed in His hand in the form of a scroll with seven seals.

Revelation 6 shows the seals being broken.

1st seal - White horse - antiChrist.

2nd seal - Red horse - War.

3rd seal - Black horse - Inflation.

4th Seal - Green horse - Death.

5th seal - Martyrdom.

6th seal - Cosmic disturbances.

7th seal - Trumpet judgments begin.

The scroll in God's right hand is unrolled and in it are the contents of the rest of the book of Revelation!

The judgment of God on His enemies begins.

Before the judgment of God comes, Christians are Caught Away in the Rapture of the church!

Then - after we are gone, Trumpet Judgments begin, which begin the judgments of God!

Meteorites hit the earth, polluting the fresh water and salt water, and burning the vegetation.

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The sun darkens.

Demonic spirits come up from the underworld.

Then, there are seven laver or bowl judgments in Revelation 16 that will complete the cleansing of the earth from Satan's rule.

All of these judgments will come on those following the global system and its leaders, all who are against God.

My friend, that is all in the future! Get ready.

The rise of the global system and the move of God that Joel saw seems to be coming next.

Time is short. The good and the bad will move together.

Get ready for God to use you to minister to people!

Action Points:

- 1. Are you born again and ready for heaven? Are you filled with the Holy Spirit?**
- 2. Are you solidly grounded in the truth of God's Word?**
- 3. Are you preparing for God to use you to help others?**

Additional information on Revival:

Mark Barclay - July 1987

The following is an end-time vision given to an established, seasoned minister of the gospel, Dr. Mark Barclay, and told in his own words. My heart was quickened when I read it and I thought: "This vision needs to be circulated to the body of Christ worldwide for we are seeing the increasing effects of it being unfolded in this hour, although it was given more than 25 years ago."

If you are skeptical of these things I would encourage you to listen to your heart as you read it and allow the Holy Spirit to bear witness with you.

"But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. ... But the anointing which you have received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. For as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and just as it has taught you, remain in Him" (1 John 2:20, 27)

Here then is the vision told in the minister's own words:

"In 1987 I was a speaker at a camp meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I spoke during the Thursday evening service. Dr. Kenneth E. Hagin spoke during the Friday evening service. I remember that I had just flown in from meetings in Paris, France. I mentioned to my wife how much I would like to stay and hear Dr. Hagin speak. She agreed.

As Dr. Hagin entered the pulpit, he began to pray in tongues. When he started, I started. A moment later, I was caught up in a vision (I was told later that it was probably more like a trance). As I went into this vision, I remember how Dr. Hagin's voice was getting quieter and quieter, until I could hear him no more. It was so quiet all around me I felt like I could hear my own heartbeat.

All of a sudden I felt evil, as if it were surrounding me. Anger rose up in me, and fear tried to get a grip on me. Suddenly, something caught my attention out of my left eye. I turned hard to the left to see what it was. I saw the circumference of the earth, from one edge to the other, and this horrible black, dark cloud was rising up over the horizon. Somehow I knew it would eventually fill the entire earth.

An alarm went off in me, screaming to me to run away from it as fast as I could. I felt like I should scream at it, to stop it in its tracks by using the name of Jesus. I began to rebuke it and started to say, "In the name of Jesus ... " I didn't quite get it out, and the Lord said, "That will do you no good."

"What?" I said.

The Lord said, "Son, you cannot use My name to stop what I prophesied. I am not causing this dark cloud, but I did prophesy it would happen in the last days."

I remember in the vision that I asked the Lord "What is this? What is this evil, tempestuous, dark cloud?"

The Lord said, "This is what I showed My prophet, Isaiah (Isa. 60:1-2). This is every evil thing you can name. It is every demon, it is every disease, it is sickness and bacterial attacks that haven't even been discovered yet. It will cause humans to do things to humans that aren't even human. It is filled with insanity, and many people will lose their mind and their faculties. It is murder, terror, rape, abuse, terrorism, torture and much worse. It is filled with deceptions, heresies, perversions and filth."

Some things the Lord showed me I have not had permission to speak.

I also saw people—many, many people. Some were running into the dark cloud, and some were being sucked into it. It reminded me of this very powerful Shop-vac I have. It will not only suck up the dirt but also my tools, if I don't pay attention.

I saw many people screaming with terror and actually being dragged into this cloud. Though they were refusing it and resisting it with all their strength, they still did not possess the power to stop it.

I was so disturbed when I saw a cross on someone's pocket or jewelry. I remember saying to the Lord, "Who are those people being drawn into this filth and terror, wearing the Christian symbol of the cross? Who are these people, not even resisting? And who are these people, resisting with all their might but it does them no good? They just keep disappearing into this horrible, evil cloud of gross darkness."

The Lord answered me and said, "Oh, these are those who do not have clean hands and a pure heart. They have been warned but ignoreqd the warnings. Some even wanted this filth as their lifestyle."

I asked, "Well, who are these wearing the cross?"

"Oh," the Lord said, "These are the people who claim Me as Savior. Many of them have desired this filth and even fought for it. They make excuses but are not excused. The ones who are resisting thought My prophets were exaggerating and from the old school, and they denied the warnings. Now that this evil has come, they possess little to no power, and certainly not enough to resist and overcome this horrible onslaught of enemy power. Only those with clean hands and a pure heart will be able to totally resist this. It will cover the earth."

There was much more to this, but I began to come out of the vision and once again heard Brother Hagin speaking in tongues from the pulpit.

I asked my wife what had happened, and she said, "Nothing, he hasn't done anything but pray in the spirit."

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I began to realize that nobody seemed to see this vision or get caught up into this trance but me. I held my wife's hand a little tighter and began to pray fervently in the spirit. As I did, I got caught up in the spirit again.

Just like before, Brother Hagin's voice got quieter and quieter until it was gone. I found myself alone again. It was so quiet I could hear my own heartbeat. Suddenly, a piercing light hit the corner of my right eye. It was so bright that I instantly shrouded my head with my hands and arms. It reminded me of the intense light that my optometrist uses to examine the back of my eyes. Actually, it was much brighter than that.

Everything within me said, "Turn and look into it. Turn now, and run into it." Yet there was this hesitation because it was so bright it seemed to shine through me. Finally I gave in to it and looked directly at it. With both eyes I saw the depth of this bright cloud. Just like the dark cloud I had seen before, it was coming up over the horizon of the earth. I could tell that it was going to cover the planet. I just knew that I knew that nothing could stop it.

I remembered asking the Lord, "What is this? What is this massive, earth-consuming, bright cloud?"

The Lord answered me and said, "Oh, this is My glory. This is the glory cloud that I showed My prophet Isaiah (Isa. 60:1-2). This is what I promised, that My glory will fill the whole earth."

"Well," I asked, "what is inside the cloud?"

"It is filled with the greatest miracles humans have ever seen. It is filled with healing for every disease, and a cure for every sickness. It is power to overcome sin and filth—to receive the truth and reject error, heresy and doctrines of demons. It is a full manifestation of My Spirit. It is the full anointing of Jesus Christ and more, much more."

He showed me other things that I have no permission to speak at this time.

I saw people in this vision, just like before with the cloud of darkness. Many, many people were running into it and almost frolicking in it. It was like my first response—too bright to behold, and then I wanted to run into it. There were those who seemed to want to pull away from this glory cloud.

"Lord, who will enter into this great glory of God and enjoy this awesome power?" I asked.

"Those who have a pure heart and clean hands," the Lord answered. "They are the ones who will escape the horrible vacuum of the evil, dark cloud and be consumed with My glory. I will require you to tell these things to My people at an appointed time."

Now is that time! As I travel the world over, I see both of these manifestations happening. In fact, I see them beginning to intensify. Sometimes I say that both God and Satan are having a revival among men. We will now see more and more people running to each cloud, causing a great gulf or divide. Could this be the separation of sheep and goats, or the separation of wheat and tares?

I am not a conspiracy-theory person. I am not a fear-based preacher. I am not a prophet of doom. So what I am about to say is none of these. But, I am actually witnessing the spirits of the Antichrist, prepping the people of the earth (including many church goers) for the arrival of the Antichrist himself. I see demons (spirits of the Antichrist) going throughout all the earth. They are slowly re-programming the minds of men (doctrines of demons) to systematically disassemble the work of Christ and disengage the army of God.

You can avoid this, if you choose. If you choose not to, you will suffer the consequences. Please don't do that!" —Dr. Mark Barclay (marktbarclay.com)

