

Living Ready

Scripture

“Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.”— 1 Peter 1:13 (NIV)

Chaos has many forms—distraction, compromise, misplaced priorities, or spiritual dullness. But being ready is more than just waiting. It means living with purpose, focus, and urgency—with eternity in mind. Jesus is returning, and Scripture repeatedly calls us to live ready.

1. Prize What Is Eternal

What you value shapes how you live. When you value eternal things—truth, holiness, souls, worship—you begin to let go of what won’t last.

“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” — Colossians 3:2

2. Seek to Be Untainted and Pure

Living ready means pursuing holiness in a world that normalizes compromise. We are not perfect, but we are called to be set apart—clean vessels for God’s use.

“Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.” — 1 John 3:3

3. Avoid Stumbling—and Don’t Cause Others to Stumble

Being ready also means walking wisely, mindful of how your actions impact others. Your freedom should never be a stumbling block to another believer’s growth.

“Be careful... that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak.” — 1 Corinthians 8:9

4. Be Serious and Watchful

In a world full of distractions, spiritual alertness is essential. We must not sleep spiritually while the world groans for truth.

“But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.” — 1 Peter 4:7

5. Demonstrate Love for Fellow Believers

Loving others isn’t optional—it’s evidence that you belong to Christ. True readiness is marked by genuine relationships, forgiveness, humility, and unity.

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” — John 13:35

6. Give Priority to the Lord's Work

Live each day as if it could be your last opportunity to serve Jesus. Be faithful with your gifts, generous with your time, and eager to fulfill your purpose.

“Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” — 1 Corinthians 15:58

Reflection

Are you living ready? Are your values, thoughts, relationships, and priorities aligned with eternity? Ask yourself: If Jesus returned today, would I be found faithful, focused, and ready?

Prayer

Lord, help me to live with a heart focused on eternity. Teach me to value what You value, to love purely, and to walk carefully. Let me not be distracted by the temporary, but devoted fully to Your purpose. May I live ready—awake, watchful, and eager for Your return. In Jesus' name, Amen.