

# HAPPENING NOW

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## BEING A CHRISTIAN IN THESE LAST DAYS

APPLYING BIBLICAL DISCIPLINE TO TODAY'S NEWS EVENTS

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Prophecy, End Times, Israel, Ezekiel 38, Signs of the Times & The Time of the Signs.

## BEING A CHRISTIAN IN THESE LAST DAYS

### 1.) Be Reminded

1a.) Remembering what the Scriptures say.

#### 2 Timothy 3:1-5

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: **2** For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, **4** traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **5** having a form of godliness but denying its power.

And from such people turn away!

#### 2 Peter 3:3-4

Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, **4** and saying,

“Where is the promise of His coming?”

#### Matthew 24:4-8

And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. **5** For many will come in My name, saying, “I am the Christ,”

and will deceive many. **6** And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. **7** For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. **8** All these are the beginning of sorrows.

1b.) **Remembering** what **Jesus** has said.

**John 14:1-3**

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. **:2** In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **:3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

**Revelation 3:10**

Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

1c.) **Remembering** what **Matters** Most.

**John 12:25-26**

He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **26** If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

**Matthew 10:34-39**

“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. **35** For I have come to “set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; **36** and “a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ **37** He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. **38** And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. **39** He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

# BEING A CHRISTIAN IN THESE LAST DAYS

## 2.) Be Aware

### 2a.) **Aware** of **Where** You Are in Life

Being a Child of God Sounds Cute – Even Sweet. But...

#### **Colossians 1:9-14**

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; **10** that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; **11** strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; **12** giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. **13** He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, **14** in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

### 2b.) **Aware** of **What** Who Has Access

**WHO** or maybe **WHAT** has access to  
your life is the Ultimate Thing

**You Are Absolutely Precious in The Sight of God.**

**He has Called Us His Bride – The Church.**

#### **2 Timothy 2:22**

Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. **23** But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

2c.) **Aware** of **Who** You Are for Real

2 Corinthians 13:5

**Examine** (ACID PROOF) yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. **Test** (CONFIRM IT) yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless indeed you are **disqualified**. (NOT REAL / FRAUDULENT)

## BEING A CHRISTIAN IN THESE LAST DAYS

3.) Be Equipped

3a.) He has **Equipped** You with His **Gear**

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **11** Put on the whole **armor** of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. **13** Therefore take up the whole **armor** of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14** **Stand** therefore, having girded your waist with **truth**, having put on the breastplate of **righteousness**, **15** and having shod your feet with **the preparation of the gospel of peace**; **16** above all, taking the **shield of faith** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. **17** And take the **helmet of salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God; **18** **praying** always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

3b.) He Has **Equipped** You for These **Days**

2 Peter 1:2-4c

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, **3** as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through

the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature.

3c.) He Has **Equipped** You to Finish **Strong**

**Philippians 1:6**

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

**1 Thessalonians 5:24**

He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

## BEING A CHRISTIAN IN THESE LAST DAYS

4.) Be Useful

4a.) Being **Useful** with Our **Hands**

**Matthew 28:18-20**

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

**James 1:27**

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

4b.) Being **Useful** with Our **Words**

**Ephesians 4:15 NLT**

**Speak** the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

4c.) Being **Useful** with Our **Hearts**

Love is the great authenticator  
when it comes to reaching others.

**Luke 22:25-27**

And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.' **26** But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. **27** For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? **Yet I am among you as the One who serves.**

## BEING A CHRISTIAN IN THESE LAST DAYS

5.) Be His

5a.) **Be** His by Being **Determined**

**Mark 5:15-20**

Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one *who had been* demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. **16** And those who saw it told them how it happened to him *who had been* demon-possessed, and about the swine. **17** Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region. **18** And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. **19** However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him...

*“Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.” 20 And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.*

5b.) **Be** His by Being **Intentional**

**John 14:29**

*“And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.*

**SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE = EVERYWHERE**

**THE TIME HAS COME – FROM HERE ON OUT IT IS GOING COST YOU TO BE A CHRISTIAN**

**Acts 3:6**

Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: **In the name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”

5c.) **Be** His by Being **Ready**

**Luke 21:34-36**

*“Be careful, because **your** hearts could be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of this life, and that day will close in on **you** unexpectedly like a trap. 35 For it will come upon **all those who live on the face of the whole earth**. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that **you** may escape all that is about to happen, and that **you** may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”*

**Matthew 25:1-13**

*“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. 3 Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. 6 “And at midnight a cry was *heard*: ‘Behold, the*

bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' **7** Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. **8** And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' **9** But the wise answered, saying, "No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' **10** And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. **11** "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' **12** But he answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' **13** "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

#### **Colossians 3:4**

When Christ who is our life appears, **then**  
you also will appear with Him in glory.

#### **Titus 2:13**

Looking for **the blessed hope**  
and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

#### **1 John 3:2-3**

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. **3** And everyone who has **this hope** in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

#### **Galatians 5:5**

For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for  
**the hope** of righteousness by faith.

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