

Watching and Waiting

Matthew 24:36-44 NIV

John 14:1–3 *Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*

Parousia: *The coming of the glorified Christ as the climax of salvation history.*

I. IT'S NO USE _____.

Mt 24:36 *But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.*

II. AVOID A _____ MINDSET.

Mt 24:37–41 *As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at **the coming** of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at **the coming** of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.*

III. ALWAYS _____ AND _____.

Mt 24:42–44 *Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 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. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.*

Let's keep our hands to the plow.

Luke 9:62 *Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."*

Let's keep our eyes on Jesus, anticipation His Return.

2 Corinthians 4:18 *So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

Let's keep fulfilling the Great Commission by making disciples.

Mt 28:19–20 *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*