

AN EXHORTATION TO BE READY

PREPARING OURSELVES TO MEET THE LORD

2 PETER 3:11-12

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"HOW SHOULD I BE LIVING"

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Preparedness, Being Watchful, Readiness, Alert

Introduction to the Text; 2 Peter 3:11-12

Statement of Textual Summation and Theme

A Talk from The Heart Tonight as a Church Family

2 Peter 3:11-12

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought you** to be in holy conduct and godliness, **12** looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

1 Corinthians 1:6-8

even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, **7** so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, **8** who will also confirm you to the end, *that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

HOW SHOULD I BE LIVING?

1.) As a Church Tonight

What Does The Bible Require of Us?

We're to be *using* the Word of God

Knowing exactly how it works in our lives

**"We Are to Be In The Word, The Word in Us
(it is possible to be reading the bible each day as a religion,
but with no effect)"**

We're to be *Living* the Word of God

Applying it in our every day life

We're to be *Spreading* the Word of God

Sending it out, beginning with me

HOW SHOULD I BE LIVING?

2.) As a *Christian* Tonight

What Does The Bible Require of You?

You're to be *Dependant* upon Jesus Christ as *Savior*

Focus on that and Then Rejoice in That

You're to be *Obedient* to The Will of *God*

**"Yes we are to be living for God,
but are you dead to your self and self desire"**

We are to be *Devoted* to the Ministry of *Holy Spirit*

Let the word of God form your opinions,
your purpose, your meaning...

HOW SHOULD I BE LIVING?

3.) If You're a *Husband* Tonight

What Does The Bible Require of You?

You're to be **Loving** Your Wife

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, **26** that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, **27** that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. **28** So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. **29** For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church.

You're to be **Serving** Your Wife

Ask Her What That Means
Help with the Kids or the House... ?

John 13:14

If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **15** For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

You're to be **Pleasing** Your Wife

Being a Blessing **to** Her, **for** Her

Watch Out - You Can Leave The Cover Off of Your Husband

exposing him to what's out there - and in some degree, the wife will be guilty of contributing to his sin

Satan Knows All About Your Marriage

Satan Knows All About Your Wife

HOW SHOULD I BE LIVING?

4.) If You're a *Wife* Tonight

What Does The Bible Require of You?

You're to be **Loving** Your Husband

Ask Him What That Means
talk nice, be nice, find out what is loving to him.

You're to be **Serving** Your Husband

Have You Asked Him What That Means to Him

You're to be **Pleasing** Your Husband

A Man Respects and Appreciates Being Wanted,
The Worst Thing You Can Do is Send Him a Message That He is Not Needed, Wanted
and Desired....

Many Wives Have Blood On Their Hands
because they have driven their husbands away - then she comes crying to the church
claiming that he has committed adultery

Watch Out - You Can Leave The Cover Off of Your Wife

exposing her to what's out there - and in some degree, the husband will be guilty of
contributing to her sin

1 Corinthians 7:3-5

Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to
her husband. 4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband
does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the
wife *does*. 5 Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may
give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not
tempt you because
of your lack of self-control.

5.) If You're a Parent Tonight

What Does The Bible Require of You?

You're to be a **Father**

If Need Be - - Beginning with Forgetting
Turn off the world
and spend time with them before it's to late.

Ephesians 5:16
redeeming (buying back, rescuing) the time, because the days are evil.

Dad;
break up with your guy friends
and pour yourself into your son, your daughter!

You're to be a ***Mother***

Mom, You're The Only One in The World
who can teach your son about girls from the woman's side of things
Mom - **Feed** Them, **Hold** Them, **Comfort** Them, **Bless** Them

You're to Provide for them a ***Future***

In Money Yes, In Things Yes,
But in Things Much More Than That...
Instruction / Wisdom / Living Life / Changing a Tire
In Winning and Losing
Sticking Through with Things - *don't quit*
Have You Told Them
that in the future, they must make their marriage a success,
to work hard at it and to forsake all others...

Matthew 19:5-6

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

6.) If You're a *Child / Teen* Tonight

What Does The Bible Require of You?

You're to be ***Honoring*** your mother and father

Matthew 15:4

For God commanded, saying, "*Honor your father and your mother*"; and, '*He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.*'

Mark 10:19

You know the commandments:

*“Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not bear false witness,”
“Do not defraud,” “Honor your father and your mother.”*

You're to be **Contributing** to your family

There is life in other parts of the house.

Come out from your bedroom and Christ will give you life

What do you like and what personality has God given you?

THERE'S WORK TO DO, THINGS TO LEARN

You're to be **Committed** to God

Ecclesiastes 12:1-14

Don't let the excitement of youth cause you to forget your Creator. Honor him in your youth before you grow old and no longer enjoy living. :2 It will be too late then to remember him, when the light of the sun and moon and stars is dim to your old eyes, and there is no silver lining left among the clouds. :3 Your limbs will tremble with age, and your strong legs will grow weak. Your teeth will be too few to do their work, and you will be blind, too. :4 And when your teeth are gone, keep your lips tightly closed when you eat! Even the chirping of birds will wake you up. But you yourself will be deaf and tuneless, with a quavering voice. :5 You will be afraid of heights and of falling, white-haired and withered, dragging along without any sexual desire. You will be standing at death's door. And as you near your everlasting home, the mourners will walk along the streets. :6 ¶ Yes, remember your Creator now while you are young, before the silver cord of life snaps and the golden bowl is broken. Don't wait until the water jar is smashed at the spring and the pulley is broken at the well. :7 For then the dust will return to the earth, and the spirit will return to God who gave it. :8 ¶ “All is meaningless,” says the Teacher, “utterly meaningless.” :9 ¶ Because the Teacher was wise, he taught the people everything he knew. He collected proverbs and classified them. :10 Indeed, the Teacher taught the plain truth, and he did so in an interesting way. :11 ¶ A wise teacher's

words spur students to action and emphasize important truths. The collected sayings of the wise are like guidance from a shepherd. :12 ¶ But, my child, be warned: There is no end of opinions ready to be expressed. Studying them can go on forever and become very exhausting! :13 ¶ Here is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is the duty of every person. :14 God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.

7.) *If You're Single Tonight*

What Does The Bible Require of You?

That you find your *place of ministry*

You're single for a reason
until you're called to be a ministry to someone -
serve Him in **singleness** of heart.

1Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs — how he can please the Lord. :33 But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world — how he can please his wife — :34 and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world — how she can please her husband. :35 I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

That you be available to the **Lord's leading**

Be Radical for God / Reckless for Him / While You Can

That you keep yourself *sexual pure*

Because a relationship is so much desired,

compromise is often a plague that short circuits God's best

8.) If You're a *Widow* Tonight

What Does The Bible Require of You?

That you be a ***Blessing*** to others

We need you so much
the men need a man who has gone through tough times.
the younger woman need the same...

That you be an ***Instructor*** toward woman

that you ***Serve*** the Lord in the Church

1 Timothy 5:9-10

Now she who is really a widow, and left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day... **1Tim. 5:9** Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, *and not unless* she has been the wife of one man, **10** well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.

Titus 2:3-5

and the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to wine, teachers of good things— **4** that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, **5** to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

————— *End of Study* —————