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2012 AND THE END TIMES
“Part Three”

The end of all things is near therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. (1 Peter 4:7)

I. Two Mistakes Made

- A) The first mistake is to think we have it all **figured** out.
- B) The second mistake is to **forget** that Jesus is coming back again

“Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus. “Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.” Mark 13:2

“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” Mark 13:32

“And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.” Luke 2:40

The Wise servant is:

- 1. **Watching** for the Master's return.
- 2. **Working** for his Master when He returns.

“This is what the sovereign Lord says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land.” Ezekiel 37:31

- 3. Now this began in **1948**.
- 4. Jerusalem under Jewish control **1967**.

“On that day, when all the nation of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations.” Zechariah 12:3

II. Where are we living?

- A. These are **difficult** times.

“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come...” 2 Timothy 3:1

“Yes, and all who desire to live Godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.” 2 Timothy 3:12

B. These are **deceptive** times.

“For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of Godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! Always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 2 Timothy 3:2-7

C. These are **deciding** times.

It is important that Christ followers:

1. Turn from satisfaction and **apathy**.
2. Be ready for his return through:
 - a. **Watching**
 - b. **Waiting**
 - c. **Working**
 - d. **Witnessing**

IV. Be ready in four different areas

A. Be **focused** so you can pray.

“The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.” 1 Peter 4:7

1. Pray more **effectively**, and more **appropriately**.

B. **Love** one another earnestly.

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8

1. The proof of this love, according to Peter, is forgiveness

C. Be **hospitable** without complaint.

1. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. (1 Peter 4:9)

D. Use your **gifts**.

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

V. There is one goal behind these four commands: Glorify God.

“So that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.” 1 Peter 4:11