

Sermon Outline April 14, 2024 Pastor Bryan Myers

Keep Watch!

Matthew 24:9-14, 42-51

Some Eschatological Realities:

* The challenging thing about not knowing is

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

* It's the end of the world _____, for someone.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a - There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die.

Psalm 139:16b - ...all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

* The so-called end times are the ______ for Christ followers.

Romans 8:18 - I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

* Jesus provided timeless ______ to help us prepare for the end of the world (or the end of our life – whichever comes first).

* These principles are applicable around the world, in a plethora of countries and cultures, as well as distinct church environments, and have been for 2,000 years and counting.

- **1.** Be Ready The Principle of Readiness.
- 2. Keep _____ The Principle of Watchfulness.
- 3. Plan _____ The Principle of Preparedness.

* The Principle of Watchfulness helps us to avoid the consequences of ______

* Complacency is a false sense of ______ accompanied by the unawareness of real dangers or unnoticed deficiencies.

1. Keep watch lest ye _____.

Vs. 37 - As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

* The question is – Does the "_____" usher in the beginning of the end, or is it the end?

Matthew 13:30 - Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.

* The enemy would like you to ______.

2. Keep watch lest ye ______.

Vs. 43 - 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...

John 10:10a - The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

* His tactics are to distract, discourage and _____.

2 Corinthians 2:11 - ...in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

3. Keep watch lest ye _____

* Irresponsible = reckless, unreliable, negligent, unfaithful.

Vs. 46 - It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns.

* Grace allows us to bypass judgement but not

Romans 14:12 - So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

* The destination is more important than the _____.