

# A PREPARED LIFE

Scripture Reading: Mt 24:40-44

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Introduction:

1. E.g. of preparers for natural / political disasters.
2. We must live right to be prepared for eternity.
3. How does one live a prepared life?
4. We will discuss 3 ways to live a prepared life...

## **I. OBEDIENCE TO THE GOSPEL**

### **A. ACKNOWLEDGE SIN**

1. We have all sinned -Ro 3:23, 1Jn 1:8-10
2. Sin separates us from God -Is 59:1, 2
3. Wages of sin is death -Ro 6:23

### **B. KNOW THE SAVIOR**

1. Jesus came to seek and save -Lk 19:10
2. He gave His life a ransom for many -Mt 20:28
3. Through His name only can we be saved -Ac 4:12

### **C. FOLLOW HIS WILL**

1. One will not enter heaven apart from obedience -Mt 7:21-23; Jn 14:15
2. Steps of salvation:
  - a. Hear the message -Ro 10:
  - b. Believe in Jesus -Jn 8:24
  - c. Repent of our sins -Lk 13:3, 5
  - d. Confess Jesus before men -Lk 12:8, 9
  - e. Be baptized into Christ -Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38
  - f. Faithful living -Re 2:10; Co 1:19-23

## **II. GUARD AGAINST SIN**

### **A. KNOW OUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL**

1. He is like a roaring lion -1Pe 5:8
2. He transforms into an angel of light -2Co 11:14
3. We are not ignorant of his devices -2Co 2:11

### **B. KNOW OUR COUNTER MEASURES**

1. Have a predetermined mindset -Ez 7:10
2. Fill our heart with God's word -Co 3:16
3. Pray regularly -1Th 4:16
4. Fellowship -He 10:25, 26

### **III. ABOUND IN THE WORK OF THE LORD -1Co 15:58**

#### **A. THE WORK OF THE LORD**

1. The physical needs of others -Ja 2:14-ff; 1Jn 3:16, 17
2. The emotional needs of others – (sick/prison) Mt 25:
3. The spiritual needs of others – Ep 3:10; Mt 28:18-20

#### **B. THE RESULTS**

1. Less opportunity for sin
2. Increased focus on the goal ahead

#### **Conclusion:**

1. Jesus tells us of two roads we can take -Mt 7:13, 14
2. We can be certain we are on the narrow path by living a prepared life.