

While We Wait...

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, **what kind of people ought you to be...** 2 Peter 3:10,11

1. Establish God's word as the authority of our lives.

- To be ready for the work God has planned for us.

¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- To learn the truth in order to discern the lies.

“Your commandments give me great understanding. It's no wonder I can see and hate every false way of life.” Psalm 119:104 (NLT)

- To live a prosperous and successful life.

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Joshua 1:8

True success in life: to stay in the Word of God until we find the will of God so that we can walk in the way of God. – O.S. Hawkins, *The Joshua Code*

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. – Matthew 6:33

2. Discover God's purpose for our life and do it!

- The harvest is ready.

³⁵Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35

- This is why we're here.

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

- This work has an eternal reward

⁵⁸Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58

3. Make every effort to live a life pleasing to God.

- Spotless – without sin
- Blameless – without fault
- At Peace – without strife

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. – 1 Corinthians 9:24

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

4. Be humble and surrender control of our lives to God.

“It comes the very moment you wake up each morning. All your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists simply in shoving them all back; in **listening to that other voice**, taking that other point of view, letting that other larger, stronger quieter life come flowing in.. And so on, all day. Standing back

from all your natural fussings and frettings; coming in out of the wind.” –
C.S Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

“True humility isn’t thinking less of yourself, it’s thinking of yourself less.” –
C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

17 Therefore, dear friends, **since you have been forewarned, be on your guard** so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. 18 **But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.** To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

Growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ:

- Establishing God’s Word as the authority of our lives.
- Discovering God’s purpose for our lives and doing it.
- Making every effort to live a life pleasing to God.
- Humbling ourselves and surrendering control of our lives to God.