

## **THAT YE MAY BE PREPARED**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

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- A. What the Corinthians were preparing for.
    - 1. I Cor. 16. A special collection that they were making to relieve the needy in Judah.
    - 2. Knew ahead of time...Thus made preparation.
    - 3. When Paul arrived "They were prepared...ready."
  - B. We May Not Be Looking For The Same Thing As The Corinthians....
    - 1. But there are a number of things for which we should be prepared.
    - 2. We will outline some in this lesson.
  - C. THE IDEA OF BEING PREPARED IS A GOOD ONE:
    - 1. It is the "motto" of some good organization.
    - 2. We would like to be prepared...for whatever comes...Be it Good or Bad.
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### **OUR ADVERSARY**

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- A. THE DEVIL: I Peter 5:8.
    - 1. We know that he is there.
    - 2. He is looking for an opportunity to destroy us.
  - B. Easy to see the importance of being prepared.
  - C. HOW DO WE PREPARE FOR SATAN?
    - 1. Know he is there.
    - 2. Know how he works (II Cor. 2:11)
    - 3. Example of Jesus....."It is written....."
    - 4. Become Sons of Light...(I Thess. 5:6-8)
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### **FOR OPPORTUNITY**

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- A. WHAT IS AN "OPPORTUNITY"?
    - 1. Occasion offered us to do good.
    - 2. "Opportunity knocks".
    - 3. "Forget not to show love unto strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Hebrews 13:2)
  - B. "Do Good unto all men...esp. The household of faith..
    - 1. James 2:26-27
    - 2. Jesus says..."cup of water..." (Matt 25:35).
  - C. "Be ready to give an answer...(I Peter 3:15).
  - D. HOW DO WE PREPARE?
    - 1. Look for the good to do.
    - 2. Read the Book of James"
    - 3. Titus 2:14.
    - 4. II Corinthians 9:8. (Text)
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### FOR TRIALS

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#### A. THEY WILL COME!

1. I Peter 4:12 “Think it not strange concerning the fiery trials among you, which cometh upon you to prove you, as though a strange thing happened unto you.”
2. Trials come in many shapes and forms.

#### B. TRIALS ARE NOT THE SAME AS TEMPTATIONS James 1:13.

1. They do not come from God.
2. Satan temps us. Causes temptations to come. (See also James 1:14).
3. “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation” (James 1;14).

#### C. HOW DO WE PREPARE FOR TRIALS?

1. Strengthen our faith...Romans 10:17; then II Timothy 2:15. (Study)
  2. Hebrews 10:23-25; Encouraged and strengthened one of another...One reason for our assembling together!
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### FOR JUDGMENT

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#### A. KNOW IT IS COMING: “Appointed unto man once to die...then cometh the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27).

1. “All must stand before judgment seat of Christ that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad” (II Corinthians 5:10).
2. No escape...(Romans 14:10) “for we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of God.”

#### B. DO NOT KNOW WHEN!

1. Matthew 25:13 “Watch therefore, for ye know not the day or the hour” and again “as a thief in the night”
2. “Ten Virgins”..Five were wise (**Prepared**) ...Five Foolish..**Unprepared**
3. “The Talents”

#### C. HOW DO WE PREPARE?

1. Become a Christian...A Child of God.
    - a. Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess and be Baptized.
    - b. Obey.
  2. Hebrews 5:9... “He became unto all them that obey him the author of eternal salvation”
  3. “Be faithful unto death”
    - a. Gal. 6:9 “...if we faint not...”
    - b. I Corinthians 15:58.
    - c. II Timothy 1:12 “Know.....which I have committed....” (Key word is committed).
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