

To be ready for the Lord at anytime is not an option, but rather a command, as scripture teaches us:

Mat. 24:43-44: "But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Luke 12:35-36: "Let your waists be girded and *your* lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately." How must we be ready?

1Peter 5:8: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."

Mat. 24:4-5: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many."

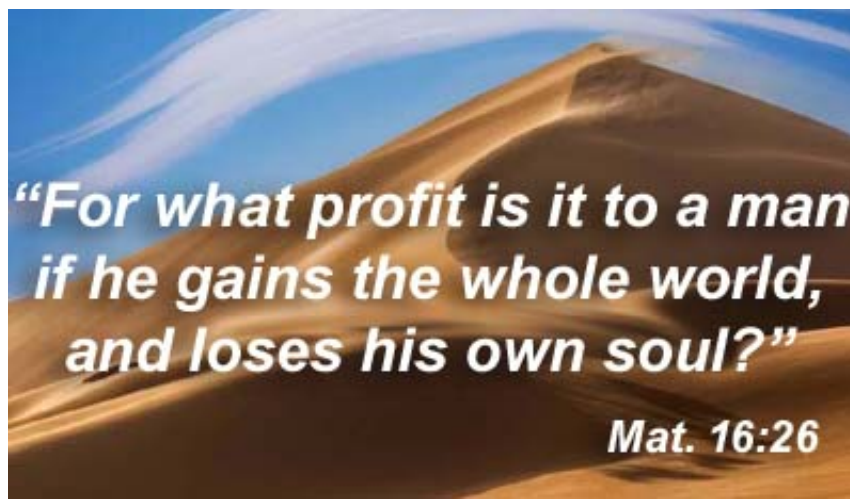
Col. 2:8: "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ."

Why?

Psalm 1:6: "For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

Do I understand the command from Christ to always be ready?

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What is God’s only path to salvation and eternal life?

John 14:6: “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

Obviously, salvation requires we believe in and follow Christ. Therefore we must always be ready for the day we meet the Lord, living by His Word. Why?

Eph. 2:10: “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

1Peter 4:17: “For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?”

1John 5:3: “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.”

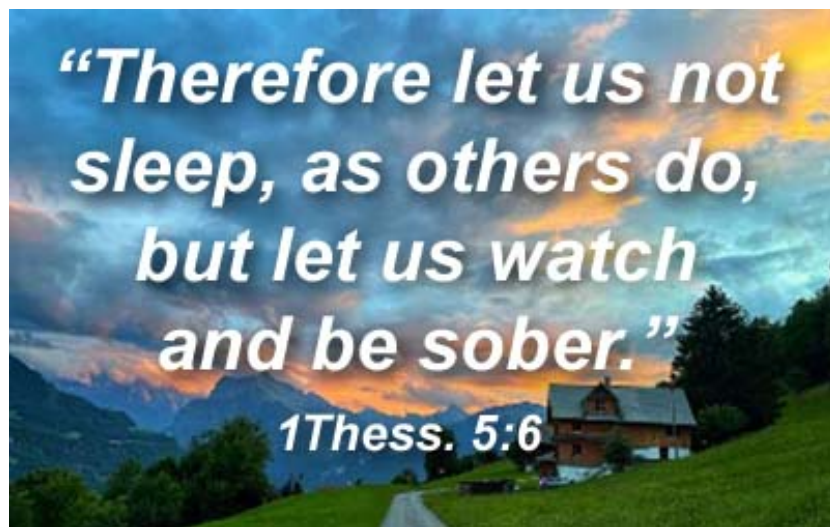
And the purpose is:

2Tim. 2:21: Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.”

John 14:3: “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.”

Is it clear to me why I must be steadfast in following Christ, and be ready for the day He calls me home?

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How wise and ready must we be to meet the Lord at anytime?

Romans 13:11: "And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed."

Romans 13:12: "The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."

Luke 17:28-29: "Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all."

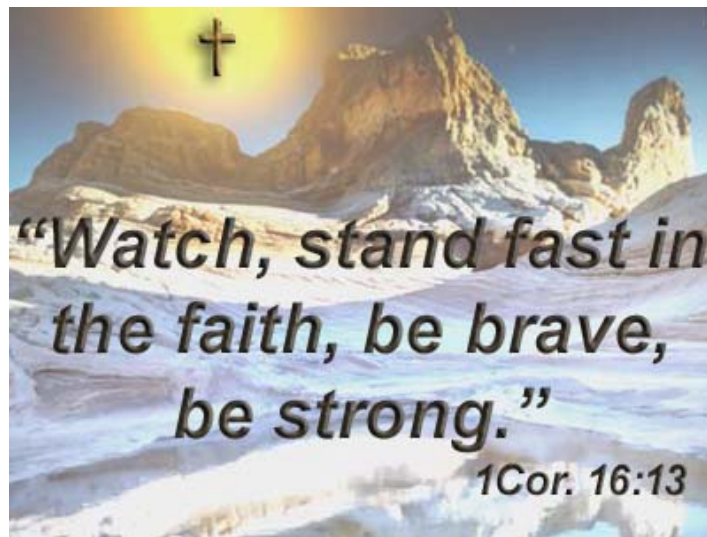
Rev. 3:3: "Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you."

2Peter 3:14: "Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless."

1Peter 4:7: "The end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers."

Do I understand the wisdom of Psalm 39:4: "LORD, make me to know my end, and what *is* the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am?"

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What is the path we must follow to always be ready for the Lord?

1Cor. 15:58: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

2Peter 3:17-18: "You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

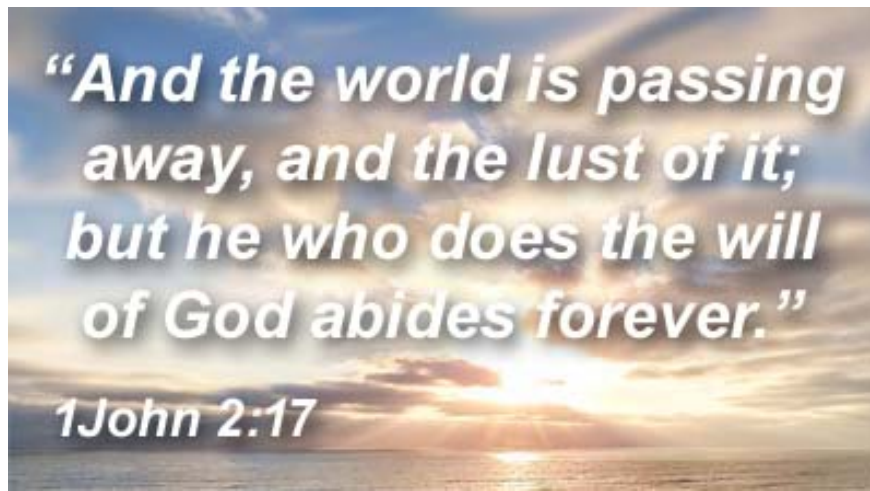
Rom. 13:12-14: "Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts."

Hebrews 3:12-13: "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

1Peter 1:13: "Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Am I on the path that leads to Christ, always ready to meet Him?

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What is the core element needed to trust and please God, and abide forever in His presence?

Hebrews 11:6: "Without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

How does faith in God and Christ sustain and strengthen us in this life?

John 16:33: "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

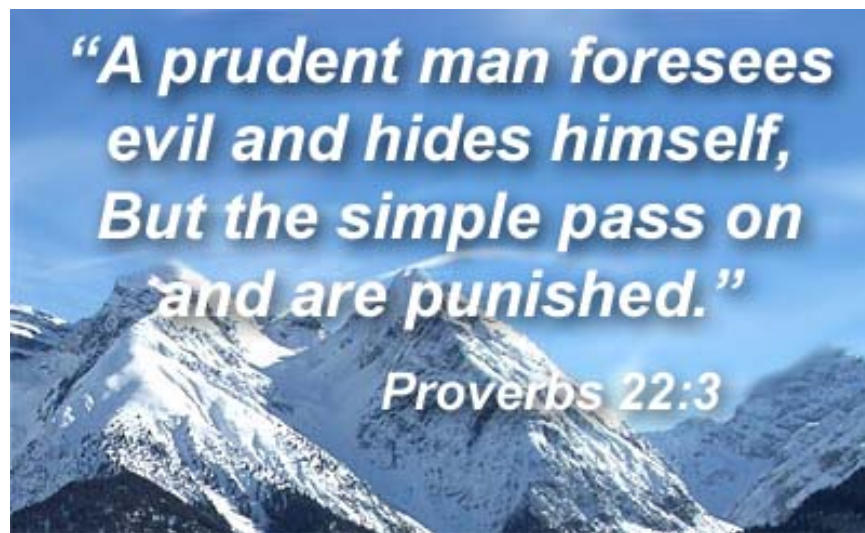
Jeremiah. 29:11-13: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart."

Philippians 1:6: "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ."

Psalms 23:4: "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

How anchored, strong and steadfast is my trust and faith in Christ and God, for this life and eternity?

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How are we to avoid the foolishness of the world?

1John 4:1: "Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

2Tim. 3:1-5: "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 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!"

Mat. 6:24: "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

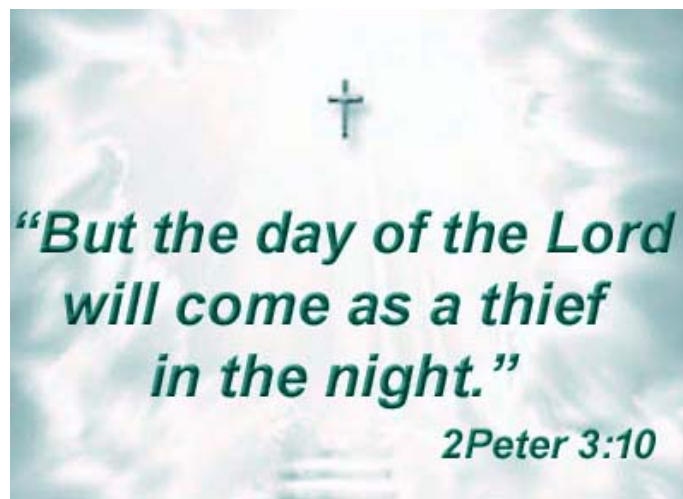
What if we don't?

Luke 12:20: "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?'"

Rev. 3:15-16: "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I am about to spit you out of my mouth."

What if the day of the Lord for me is today? Am I ready to meet the Lord?

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What does the Word of God teach us about the end times, the rapture, and the great tribulation?

Mark 13:32: "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Mat. 24:37-39: But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."

Then, on that day:

1Cor. 15:52: "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

1Thess 4:16-17: "The dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."

What then happens in the world?

Mat. 24:21: "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be."

Therefore:

Mark 13:33: "Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is."

Am I ready for the Day of the Lord?

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