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COMPASS

Using God's Word to Chart The Course
Of A Congregation

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Missionaries:

Don Iverson

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(India)

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study 9 AM

Sunday Worship 10 AM

6 PM

Wednesday 6 PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesdays 11AM

Prayer Meeting 10 AM

Tuesdays 10 AM

Joyful Generation

(Youth Devotional & fellowship)

1st Sunday 7:00 PM



**Therefore if any man be in
Christ, he is a new creature:
old things are passed away; be-
hold, all things are become
new” (2Corinthians 5:17).**

ARE YOU READY?

Barry Kennedy

I don't know about you and your family, but trying to "Get Ready" in our home is somewhat of a chore. It seems that no one can stay focused long enough to complete the task without "reminders." We find ourselves asking repeatedly, "ARE YOU READY?" Those words have been reminders for me from my youth. Worship services have been a regular part of my life for as long as I can remember. One of the fondest memories I have of worshipping with a small congregation in north Mississippi is the singing. One song that was often sung asks the same question as the title. The song is titled "There's a Great Day Coming." Let's take to heart the words of this song, and maybe we can prepare ourselves for the Great Day that is coming. Are You Ready?

In that day all "the saints and sinners shall be parted right and left." Jesus came to this earth with a mission. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). During His time here on earth Jesus chose to teach (i.e. prepare) people to be followers of Him. His message was one of preparation "Repent: for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). Will L. Thompson's (the author of the song) first verse has words very similar to those of Jesus (Matthew 25:31-46). Jesus will come, and there will be a great separation like a shepherd separating the sheep (saints) from the goats (sinners). The question is, "ARE YOU READY?"

In that day there will be a brightness "to them that love the LORD" Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica about scenes of the second coming (i.e. great day).

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

Many will read this section of Scripture and have the feelings of fear and dread. Paul was not trying to terrify this, or any, congregation, but rather edify and comfort them. Did we not read "so shall we **EVER BE** with the Lord," and "**COMFORT** one another with these words?" Yes, the second coming of Jesus will indeed be a great day for them that love the LORD. We must not forget, however, Jesus said, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15). ARE YOU READY?

In that day there will be great sadness "when the sinner shall hear his doom depart I know ye not." Jesus said that the majority of humanity will be lost (Matthew 7:13, 14). Sadly, many of those will face eternity under a false sense of security. "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:22). These people fail because they heard the word but did not do all that God said. We cannot pick and chose the church, worship, or way of **OUR** choice, we must choose the church, worship, and way of **GOD'S** choice. So finally, as the song (and God) asks,

"ARE YOU READY FOR THE JUDGMENT DAY?"

HANDBOOK FOR 2011

Author Unknown

HEALTH:

1. Drink plenty of water.
2. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a beggar.
3. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
4. Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy
5. Make time to pray.
6. Play more games
7. Read more books than you did in 2010 .
8. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day
9. Sleep for 7 hours.
10. Take a 10-30 minutes walk daily. And while you walk, smile.

PERSONALITY:

11. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
12. Don't have negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
13. Don't over do. Keep your limits.
14. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
15. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.
16. Dream more while you are awake
17. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
18. Forget issues of the past. Don't remind your partner with His/her mistakes of the past. That will ruin your present happiness.
19. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Don't hate others.
20. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
21. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
22. Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
23. Smile and laugh more.
24. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree...

SOCIETY:

25. Call your family often.
26. Each day give something good to others.
27. Forgive everyone for everything.
28. Spend time w/ people over the age of 70 & under the age of 6.
29. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
30. What other people think of you is none of your business.
31. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.

LIFE:

32. Do the right thing!
33. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
34. GOD heals everything.
35. However good or bad a situation is, it will change..
36. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
37. The best is yet to come..
38. When you awake alive in the morning, thank GOD for it.
39. Your Inner most is always happy. So, be happy.

