7 TIPS FOR LIVING DURING

THE APOCALYPSE

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7 Tips for Living during the Apocalypse

The cross was not your blood and not your pain, he suffered; he bled and died for your sins so that you may be redeemed, therefore make it a point to live for him!



By Dana Glenn Smith

7 Tips for Living during the Apocalypse: Introduction

TIPS FOR LIVING during the Apocalypse is an article for the believer in Jesus Christ. It is not for the faint of heart, nor is it a quick fix. These are simply 7 important things I have learned over the years and some during the stress of these end days. While there are 7, they entail so much more than seven simple tips. They are life guides found in the Word of God. They are intended to give guidance through scripture, not to tell you how to live. But to give you these things and let you put them into action in your own faith your own way. It is not meant to be preachy, but practical.

To this end, I write this article, not that I am a super spiritual, perfect person; but in the end I am a person of faith that must live my life by that faith.

But in all this I also learned that in life, there is a season for everything and Ecclesiastes says it best.

Ecc 3:1-8

- (1) To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
- (2) A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
- (3) A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- (4) A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- (5) A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- (6) A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
- (7) A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- (8) A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

Tip One 'Standing in God's grace life your life'

Rom 5:1-5

- (1) Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
- (2) By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
- (3) And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;
- (4) And patience, experience; and experience, hope:
- (5) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Standing in God's grace, live your life for the Lord, after all; you have peace with God through Jesus Christ. You can access God's storehouse of provision and favor by faith. In the world today many Christians live in constant persecution. They face death, imprisonment, and beatings for the very fact that they are Christians. We have reported on these things occurring to our brethren in Christ for many years now. Reminding Christians in other nations to pray for and to help those Christians persecuted overseas.

Personally, I would not nor could I live with such persecution. That is, I could go through it; but I could not in many cases just be on the receiving end. I do not bode well with people that gather in groups to kill, maim, rape, torture, and to persecute Christians. For me, the avenue to fight back is in scripture, in the Lord, and there are means of seeing escape. I believe absolutely that by his Grace, he would make a way for me and my family. Where there is God, there is a way through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In America, though; more and more we find this government and the people pushing away Christianity. Christians who do standup today are ridiculed and shunned. The media makes Christians look stupid or classify them as a hater or some such nonsense if that Christian makes such a stand against something they disagree with. In spite of how this nation goes, I will follow the Lord.

Yet, I say in spite of this all. Live your life for the Lord and be done with it. Live as God purposes in your heart. Many people express their faith different ways, so be it. But since we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and being justified by faith; we do not fear. No need too, we live life by faith and stand in God's grace or favor. We look for his coming, his kingdom, and his rule. As such if the world hates us, then so be it. But I will live life and stand in that life by faith in the only begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ. As I live daily, by his grace; my testimony and faith will not give in to fear: the fear of men, fear of tribulation, and fear of death. As a result, I will live my faith daily. No matter what the world does. No matter what those who oppose my faith say or do, I will live my faith in God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tip two be 'Forgive others, forgive yourself'

Col 3:12-15

- (12) Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
- (13) Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.
- (14) And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
- (15) And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Love covers a multitude of sins. Why, because through love and in love we forgive each other. As we do, God can forgive us and heal us. In addition, if God through Jesus Christ has forgiven you, then forgive yourself when you do something wrong. I take this point seriously. People have a hard time forgiving themselves. Others don't care and live life carelessly. So if I walk in Christ Jesus; as the elect of God why am I hard on myself as I live my life daily? Now this is important. You want to walk in the Lord do you not? You also try to be a perfect, good, and holy as you can. But what if you fail, what do you do? You ask the Lord to forgive you of any sin; but then do you go around for a while and condemn yourself for doing that very thing.

Don't tell me you never have done this. It is human nature and the devil uses this. If he can get us to condemn, ridicule ourselves, call ourselves names for doing these things; then he has won. It hurts your self-esteem, it hurts your faith, and I certainly feel the Lord doesn't like us doing this to ourselves.

I could go on and on here. But simply as you grow older, that is to the senior days. You will find even from the age of thirty, then forty, and on there are things you either can't do anymore or things you do that irk you about yourself. Why I did this or that you ask yourself. You must ask the Lord to help you, forgive you, and you then forgive yourself.

Simply put, forgive others and also forgive yourself in your walk with Christ.

Tip Three 'Occupy till he comes'

Luk 19:12-13

(12) He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

(13) And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

I remember well this point my Pastor, Brother Kennedy told me. The Lord says to "Occupy till I come"! My Pastor and his wife were truly godly shepherds. They had learned to Occupy and to keep in the faith. The Lord in the Parable of the ten servants whom he gave pounds, says in the first portion of the parable to "Occupy till I come". This was important to the Lord. We find in other places in scripture the Lord telling us that "blessed is that servant who is watching and waiting", whom the "Lord finds doing" as that servant is supposed to be doing. The fact here is that the Lord is coming again, but it may be awhile before he does get here. Until then, we take the Pounds or Talents; whatever the Lord has given us, whatever our talents are, and use it for the Lord. We work faithfully unto him and do not quit. We work, live, play, wait on the Lord and do it all by faith. It is required in a man that he 'be faithful', so be faithful to the end.

Ecclesiastes says if you have a wife ' live joyfully with the wife thou lovest'. Further the Preacher says ' Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might'. Indeed God has given to all men, whether good or

evil, religious or non-religious, Christian or non-Christian; a life to be lived. It is his providence and grace that gives the human race sun, rain, seasons, water, herbs, plants, animals, and an earth to live on. People can live on this earth and do as they please, but they will face the God of all spirits when they die and be rewarded for those things they do in life.

Ecc 9:9-10

- (9) <u>Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given</u> thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.
- (10) Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

But for the Christian, living in the Apocalypse; you can also have fun. You can enjoy life, go fishing, go hunting, go for a hike, read a book, plant and care for a Garden, go on vacation, and do so with your love ones. In short, yes we are living in the apocalyptic end of days; but do not be afraid to enjoy the life God has given you to enjoy. Be thankful to him, and do so daily.

In our life today this occurs even as we find ourselves living in the last days. We live in this time of the end where on a daily basis we find turmoil, wars, rumors, death, murder, wickedness, and every kind of evil going on. But we also have many other things that go on as well. For me, it is the love of a good woman, love of children, and love of family. All this is a blessing. In addition, there is life itself, the seasons that occur, a beautiful sunset or sunrise to enjoy, a full night sky full of stars, or just a nice garden that grows and gives life to you and your family. But in all this are the blessings of the Lord, his peace, joy, love, and so much more.

Ecc 5:18-19

- (18) Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion.
- (19) Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.

Tip Four 'There are things you can't change'

Luk 12:25-28

- (25) And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?
- (26) If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?
- (27) Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
- (28) If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Today living in these stressful times; there are things you cannot change. You cannot change the way things are in the Middle East. You cannot stop ISIS from slaughtering, raping, and killing people; that is unless you go to war and kill those who do such things. You cannot stop the massive flood of people that hit the E.U. You cannot stop the massive left wing agenda that is in the United States. You cannot stop many things that are happening today.

The Lord said in Luke 12' which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?' Since you cannot do this, which is least of all, why worry or take thought of all those things you cannot change as well. The scripture is in context of provision. The key teaching in this group of scriptures is that you should "seek first the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you".

I did an interview many years ago with Ari Sorko-Ram, the founder of Maoz Israel which is an Israeli based ministry. I asked him about all the enemies that surround Israel. I asked him about the hatred and violence of those living in the Gaza strip which was pointed towards Israel. Finally, I asked him about the eventual war scripture speaks about.

His answer was direct. I will summarize it. He said that these things exist and that 'they cannot change these things'. They simply cannot do anything about them. But they were going to work on those things they could change. They would live life, live it for the Lord, and continue in the 'ministry the Lord had given them in Israel to do'. So no matter how many enemies, how many threats, how bad it might look, they would live for the Lord. They would live with peace in their hearts and love for all men.

There are many things I cannot change, but I can change how I view things. I can change how I work for the Lord. I change those things around me to some degree. But many things I cannot change and these I will not worry about. I will not worry about tomorrow, nor about an eventual apocalypse or war. I will not worry about these things. I have lived for the Lord in the days of prosperity and when adversity or judgment comes; I will live for the Lord trusting in him to deliver me and my family.

Ecc 7:14

(14) In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

Tip Five 'Open the door to tomorrow with faith

Luk 12:31-37

- (31) But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- (32) Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
- (33) Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.
- (34) For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
- (35) Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;
- (36) <u>And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord</u>, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.
- (37) <u>Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching</u>: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

I open the door to tomorrow with faith, or by faith. I determined a very long time ago to live life, not live in fear; and to live that life by faith. To believe and to trust in the Lord is my goal. To live such that I do not live in any kind of fear: Fear of the unknown, fear of prophecy, fear of the end of days, fear of total destruction, fear of death, fear of life, and just basic fear. Instead I chose to live by faith that is to believe in the Lord and to believe that by his grace; his provision my family and I would make it. It is this truth to which I live. To open the door to tomorrow, the very next day of life by that faith and not by fear is my goal. Fear is a snare and something that will keep you from salvation and from blessing.

Pro_29:25 The **fear of man bringeth a snare**: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

Without faith, I cannot; nor can you please God. You must believe that he exists, that he is. If you do not believe God is, then how can you approach him if you don't believe he is there to approach? Then when you do believe, and you do approach him through Christ, he is a rewarder. It is written that he rewards those who diligently seek him. That reward for you is his grace, his mercy, and his provision. In the time of trouble, and believe me trouble will come; he will be there with you and for you in that trouble.

Heb_11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Tip Six 'Wholly Follow the Lord'

Deu 1:34-38

- (34) And the LORD heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying,
- (35) Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers,
- (36) Save <u>Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the LORD.</u>
- (37) Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither.
- (38) But Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage him: for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

Wholly follow the Lord! These are four big words with a lot of meaning that the Children of Israel failed at. In fact the Children of Israel made the Lord mad because there were men among them, an entire generation of evil people who did not believe the Lord. In Deuteronomy [see above] there are two people of the Children of Israel. Both were to go into the land, one was Caleb and the other Joshua. Both of the men stood alongside Moses, toe to toe against the other ten spies and the children of Israel who had an evil report. It was said of Caleb that 'he has wholly followed the Lord' and of Joshua' for he shall cause Israel to inherit it'. It would be Joshua who would lead Israel into the Promised Land.

We find therefore, in Psalms hints of what 'wholly follow the Lord' means! In Psalms 37, we are to 'Trust in the Lord and do good', 'Delight ourselves in the Lord', and finally 'Commit our way unto the Lord'. From these three things we get to dwell in the land, be fed, get the desires of our heart, and if we trust in him, he will bring that which we have committed unto him to come to pass.

Psa 37:3-5

- (3) *Trust in the LORD*, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
- (4) **Delight thyself also in the LORD**; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
- (5) Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Further in Proverbs it states again to 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart', 'Lean not to your own understanding', and 'in all your ways acknowledge him'; as a result he will direct your paths or steps. Now I know all this sounds so simple. But this was the understanding we find in the Tanakh [Old Testament]

Pro 3:5-6

- (5) <u>Trust in the LORD with all thine heart</u>; and <u>lean not unto thine own understanding</u>.
- (6) In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

In Romans we are to 'present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God', which we are told is our 'reasonable service'. That is, it is the 'least we could do for the Lord' since he redeemed us. Further we are 'not to be conformed to this world,' instead we are 'to be transformed by the renewing of our minds' so that we can 'prove that good, acceptable, and perfect, will of God.'

Rom 12:1-2

(1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

(2) And <u>be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.</u>

We find in scripture many points as this and seeing we have the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven and the Word of God, we can indeed 'wholly follow the Lord'.

The cross was not your blood and not your pain, he suffered; he bled and died for your sins so that you may be redeemed, therefore make it a point to live for him!

Tip Seven 'His reward is with him'

Furthermore, in our Living for the Lord, we know as his people that 'His reward is with Him'. It is here that we as believers warn, exhort, and try to convince others to seek the Lord and accept Jesus Christ as their savior. In Scripture we find the phrase 'God is a consuming fire' three times. Once in Deut 4:24, again in Deut 9:3, and finally Paul uses it in Hebrews chapter Twelve. The context is Paul describing that the Lord says "I shake not the earth, but also heaven'. This shaking is the end of days, especially which will see 'tribulation such as never been before or after'. It is also in this context that this 'shaking' is aimed at shaking all 'things that those things which cannot be shaken may remain'. This which cannot be shaken is the Kingdom of God which we will receive through Christ Jesus. As a result, Paul says to 'serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.' Why should we do this? Paul warns us 'Our God is a consuming fire'.

Heb 12:26-29

- (26) Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.
- (27) And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.
- (28) Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:
- (29) For our God is a consuming fire.

In addition in Second Corinthians, Paul reminds us that 'we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ' so that 'every one may receive for the things done in this body'. Whether 'good or bad', we will receive recompense. Again Paul reminds us, that they as messengers, 'Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men'.

2Co 5:10-11

- (10) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.
- (11) <u>Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men</u>; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

While we as believers are receiving a kingdom we are admonished to serve him in accordance to his commandments in the Word. It serves as a warning and a reminder that our God has delivered us through Christ Jesus but we not to serve the flesh, but walk in the Spirit. That in all things he is Lord of Lords and King of Kings. He will hold all people accountable for those things they do.

In fact, the end of Revelation is a final warning. To this generation that will see the Lord coming he says: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still!"

Here find the issued statement from the Lord saying of these people, whatever they decide to be like. It says "He that is" and "let him be". These two phrases describe the end of days and the Lords response to this wickedness of this age. If a person chooses to be a certain way, unjust, filthy, righteous, or holy; then let him be just that! The Lord is coming soon and since those who do wickedly don't apparently 'fear the Lord' and continue to do those things; then they can continue to do these things. For when our Lord comes all people will be judged according to those things which they have done in their body; whether good or bad.

What that means to the Christian is that we are not here to make the 'unjust be holy', we are to walk by faith in our Lord, be lights, and give our testimony. It America, for instance wants to do those things that as Christians we deem filthy; then America is continue in this path. For many, however; they see their duty is to change America. That is not our goal! Our goal, is to walk in the Lord. If a person will repent, then so be it. If he will not, then so be it.

This is an end time judgment on society, on all people; everywhere.

Rev 22:11-17

- (11) He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.
- (12) And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.
- (13) I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
- (14) Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.
- (15) For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.
- (16) I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.
- (17) And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Finally, we find that we are indeed overcomers; for our accuser is cast down. Satan, the Dragon, Lucifer, the Beast, or the Devil whatever you may call him has lost. We are 'overcomers' note here 'past tense'. We are now overcomers through Christ Jesus. We got that way through the 'blood of the Lamb' [redeemed], by the 'Word of our testimony' [what the Lord has done for us, testifying of him], and 'we love not our lives unto death' [we do not fear what men may do to us, even unto death] we testify of Jesus Christ and live for him. It doesn't matter what this world may do.

Rev 12:10-11

- (10) And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.
- (11) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

In closing, I am reminded of what the three Hebrew children told Nebuchadnezzar when he told them to worship his image. They simply but powerfully responded 'Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king, but if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou has set up'.

These three and Daniel lived in Babylon for many years. They all faced trials, even ones that could have seen them die; but God delivered them all out of the hands of the wicked. Today you and I live in the world where

the Harlot and Mystery Babylon pump out their filth to the world 24/7, we too can take the example of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to heart.

One day the one in Revelation 13 will come and with him another Beast like him. It is here that an image will be set up and all will have to worship it and also take the mark. Thus we overcame, past tense again I remind you; "by the blood of the Lamb, the word of our testimony, and we love not our lives unto the death". God is no respector of persons, if he delivered the Three Hebrew children, if he delivered Daniel; he can deliver us. We need to believe this!

Dan 3:16-18

(16) Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.

(17) If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

(18) But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

7 Tips for Living during the Apocalypse

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Christian Responsibilities for the Last Days

"Living in the world, being not of the world, but being a light in the world"

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Bonus Feature Article



HRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITIES FOR last Days is paramount. Many seem to trust in the Lord that he will rapture them out before the real stuff hits the fan. If you want to make Christians mad, just tell them that the rapture as they have been taught will not come as they expect. Yes, the Lord is coming; but not at the hour they think. This article is not a treatise, a defense of, or a piece to take away from the hope of believers or the rapture. The rapture for me is a non-issue, as are denominational titles or man's customs [traditions] in the church.

The Lord said plainly "I was hungry" and you "fed me"! He further stated "I was thirsty" and you "gave me something to drink"! Yet "I was a stranger and you took me in", he stated matter of factly. "Naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to me"! These words make up a portion of the twenty fifth chapter of Mathew. They are regarding Christian responsibility to the Lords words. The fact that he was at the time speaking to the Jews in Palestine under Roman rule also should be noted. You cannot take away from the issue of the early church being Jewish, and then the Lord called the Apostle Paul who took the gospel to the gentiles.

These words make up a solid, God given command to have responsibility for what we do in the Lords name. As believers our job is not just to sit in grandiose cathedrals of honor in soft padded seats. Nor is it to just sing, praise the Lord, and to say we have faith. While in America, we do have murders, robberies, and mass

killings; we do not have anything like that which is going on in the rest of the World. To whom much is given, there is much responsibility for, and the Lord will hold us accountable for this.

Mat 25:35-40

- (35) For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
- (36) Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
- (37) Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?
- (38) When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?
- (39) Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?
- (40) And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

This reminds me of a story circulating in our church back in the seventies. I have adapted this story for this article with certain author privileges.

One day a young man came to work as usual. He had a great day talking to the Lord so far. Now at work, there were several trucks to load up with cargo. The docks were full and the men working hard. But the young Christian man seemed aloof from it all. His heart was not in it, he spent the morning daydreaming about heaven, meditating quietly, and really not putting much effort into physical labor. No, he thought 'no labor right now'; he was the servant of the Lord that stuff could wait. It was earthly, he was spiritual; he rather talk to the Lord.

Finally, lunch came around and after it was over the men went back to filling the trucks. They had filled two already and one long trailer had to be filled with appliances. As the young Christian man stood off to the side, not paying much attention; the men who worked with him were clearly agitated. One came to him and abruptly said "Why are you just standing around here while the rest of us are working so hard?" The Christian looked at him and said he was a Christian and was taking up speaking with the Lord; after all he was to be about his Fathers business.

The man looked frustrated and pulled a large box and said to the Christian "either you or Lord help me load this box or both of you will be fired!"

The moral is that we can be so heavenly minded we are no earthly good! Now while our salvation is declared free the death of Jesus Christ on the cross; the fact is, it was not free. It cost our Lord his life and then he was raised from the dead. In our life, we have faith and long race to run which must be finished. Thus Heaven is acquired through faith, work, patience, and endurance on the part of believers. It is not free, nor easy, especially today. Many Christians have died for their faith in the last few years. We have a race to run, a witness to keep, and faith in Jesus Christ to overcome the world.

Below are seven practical things Christians need to be doing in these last days. Seven tips but you could add more or take away some. But they are all scriptural and in these last days, we must be about the Lords business.

1. Be Watchful, keep an eye out

Luk 12:37-38

- (37) Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.
- (38) And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

We are to be about the Lords business, and this is Watching and working in his name. We are to be in residence on this planet, in his name working and living as his Children. Our truth is his Word; our Faith is in the Lord Jesus Christ. Now while we faith, our works do follow that faith. It is as natural as planting a seed and then nurturing it and thus sees it grow. Those works are in Jesus name and motivated by His love which is in us. See 1 John 4: 7-8!

As we work, we also watch! We are watching for opportunities to reveal his love in us to others. In these last days, it is this love which motivates major ministries and others to help those in need, in danger, and dying. Thus, our first tip is to Be Watchful, keep an eye out! But not just to work in this world for Christ Jesus. The rest of this Watchfulness is to be spent with one eye on heaven and looking for the return of Jesus Christ. It is our generation which will see the physical, viable, and real return of the Son of God, Jesus Christ [Yeshua Ha Massiach] to this earth.

2. Support Ministries that help on the ground to relieve suffering of people

Rom 8:38-39

- (38) For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
- (39) Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It is here that we as believers should be aware of major ministries that help out those in need. They spread the love of Christ Jesus to others. Many times like Franklin Grahams "Samaritans Purse" who is on the ground ministering to the needs of migrants that have fled the bloody conflicts in their hometowns. Then there is "Rescue Christians" who work to save the lives of Christians who are suffering, they use "airfare as a means to allow those suffering in their home countries". Thus they keep "safe houses, offer Legal assistance, food and supplies, and go on rescue missions" to take families, women, children who are victims of persecution. There are other organizations like Times Square church in New York [David Wilkinson old ministry], Maoz Israel who in Israel ministers to Jews in that nation through it's extensive outreaches. Finally there is International Christian Concern who keeps people up to date on Christian persecution in the world.

By helping out monetarily we are putting feet on our faith and action to the word ministry. If we cannot go personally and many cannot, you can provide funds to send someone to go and do so in Christ's Name on your behalf. The ministries on the ground in areas of danger put themselves in the line of fire for the love of and because of Christ Jesus. We show the world that nothing will separate us from that love or our duty to our Lord. Nothing separates us from Christ Jesus, not even the last days we live in.

3. Pray and fast for those Brothers and sisters in Christ suffering around the world

- (6) Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?
- (7) Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?
- (8) Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.

While practical aspects of our faith are fine and a needful part of our Christian life, the spiritual aspect is very important. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal or physical. Here let it be noted that governments and nations have a duty to provide for and to protect their people. But many times it is the governments of this world who persecute their own people. During World War 2, it took the United States to be at war in order to defeat Germany, Italy, and Japan. The genocide of the Jews occurred then. Today genocide of Christians is going on. But also one of the Yazidis and other minorities that find themselves at odds with groups like ISIS, Boko Haram, and Al Shabab!

It is here that as believers we need to be fasting and praying regularly for the brethren in the faith that are in these conflict zones. But we are also to pray that "god's mercy" would find those in these areas as well. We must be committed to helping out financially, prayerfully, and in fasting.

4. Support other organizations that speak out against genocide and persecution

Psa 82:3-4

- (3) Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.
- (4) Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

Now while we are covering the Christian responsibilities of helping out in these last days, I want to remind you that there are other very good organizations working to stop the injustice and suffering. It is here that organizations like the <u>Gatestone Institute</u> which is a non-partisan, not for profit international policy council that promotes Human rights, free and strong economies, military capability to ensure peace at home and in the free world, and to inform the people of threats to individual liberty – sovereignty – and free spirit. They recommend solutions, address problems, and work to see these things initiated. They will cover Christian genocide, Yazidis being killed, and other injustices from Islam to Israel and beyond.

Finally, but this does not mean there are not others who help. I tell you about <u>Wilberforce initiative</u>. Now again, while I do not agree with all agencies ideas on our listing here; I support their push to help alleviate the suffering in the world. The fact that Wilberforce wants to create a world where religious freedom is recognized by nations around the world, might be seen by Christians as a no go here. But you must understand these people stand up for the rights of Christians as well. The Chairman, Robert P. George gives the mission below of the Wilberforce Initiative. It is named after the 19th century British parliamentarian William Wilberforce who identified the slave trade as the single greatest violation of human rights. He worked to end it.

"The mission of 21st Century Wilberforce Initiative is vital: to create a world where religious freedom is recognized by nations across the globe as a fundamental human right. Let us stand together to defend the vulnerable and victimized, and to champion religious freedom and respect for the equal human dignity of persons of every faith." ROBERT P. GEORGE USCIRF Chairman

5. Find opportunities to speak out about these injustices

Jas 2:13-18

(13) For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

- (14) What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?
- (15) If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,
- (16) And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?
- (17) Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.
- (18) Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

It is also important for Christians to address these human rights, religious, and other violations. We are to speak up on behalf of those who need it. I have backed, supported, and reported on the genocide of not only Christians, but Yazidis, and other minorities. I have stood behind the Kurds in Kobani and in Northern Iraq who took in Christians and other groups. They fought ISIS and protected these groups. As a result I supported them. I do not support other ideas or items that they hold too, but they took in Christians and saved lives.

If you have a blog then write about these things. Let the Lord put in your heart what to blog about. Get on a radio show and let them know your concern. Get the word out and use your opportunity to move others, especially Christians to do something! It is important that as believers we do not just sit by and allow the evil of men to rule. Although it is the last days, and an evil time; we offer mercy and love to others. If you do not have a blog or a radio show, you can simply tell your friends about these things.

6. The End of Day's mix of Chaos

2Ti 3:1-5

- (1) This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- (2) For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- (3) Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
- (4) Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
- (5) Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

When you face ISIS or other groups like them as a Christian, it does not matter to them what denomination you are. As a matter of fact, they do not care if you go to a church, synagogue, and temple or just stay at home. The most vital aspect of what they do is to find out if "will you follow Mohammad?" That is, their version of Islam anyway. The fact that you are Chaldean, Assyrian, Coptic, Eastern Orthodox, or Roman Catholic does not matter to them. Nor does it matter if you're Baptist, Pentecostal, non-denominational, or some other church organization. What matters is, if you have Jesus Christ and follow him; then you must turn to their god or die or in some cases be oppressed. In India, for instance, it not Mohammad necessarily; but the Hindu's who persecute and have killed Christians. There are many reasons why people simply kill others, not just religious.

You are living in a time when evil rules and chaos never stops. There is always a war, always bloodshed being spilled, and the wickedness of men seems to never stop. One day the evil of men will meet its demise at the hand of our Lord Jesus Christ, {Yeshua Ha Massiah}. One day the devices of evil that men use and the evil spirits they follow will be destroyed. One day Gods mercy will end. One day it will be too late for people to find true redemption in Christ Jesus. Until that time, in the day of darkness; we are the light. Until that time, in evil time; we bring goodness. Until that time, to the downtrodden, faithless, and those without hope; we bring Hope and the True light which lights every man.

No matter how dark, how evil, how wicked, how hopeless the world gets; there is always hope and a faith in our Lord that can save to the uttermost. There is no darkness that is so great that God's grace is not greater still! He can save to the uttermost. As Corrie Ten Boom said, "there is no pit that is so deep, that God is not deeper still"!

7. Keep your own hope alive and be ready to give an answer of that hope

1Pe 3:15-16

- (15) But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:
- (16) Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

In conclusion, let me say you cannot work in Jesus name in your own power. You need him, for "without me, you can do nothing" Jesus Said. I recommend you read John 14-18. We are to have hope and let our hearts burn with that hope. In these last days, the evil is so bad that many Christian's hearts grow cold and weary of it all. The daily news is usually terrible. But this does not reflect our hope. Let your faith and your prayers reach the Lord and allow him to build you up for the task before you. We are in these days for a reason. It is not to us to be hopeless, but be filled with the true hope found in Jesus Christ. It is not for us to be in despair or in darkness but walk in the true light of God's love.

Finally, Tower and I have been warning about these last days for more than eighteen years, but that was not the start of our ministry or journey. We began many years ago in the seventies. I knew then, by the Grace of the Lord and his revelation that "America as we know would cease to exist"! That time which the Lord warned about and has led us to is here. America has changed and the old America simply doesn't exist. What is more, one day this nation will experience a full cataclysm of judgment.

I made up my mind and heart to walk by faith, believing that no matter what the Lord would see me and my family through. Whether I live or die, I will do so in the Lord. I will not fear man, evil, wickedness, the devil, ISIS, or anything else. I will live, breathe, have faith; preach, teach, and prepare as many as I can for those times ahead.



Shalom, my friends; Until next time; The Watchman Dana G Smith www.Warn-Usa.com www.Warn-Radio.com

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