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Each One! Bless One!

You Make a Difference!

Let us be good stewards of what we have now, so the LORD can trust us with what is to come.

"But of that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is."

MARK 13:32-33 (NKJ)

**s Jesus really coming back?** Many people believe this is the time when Jesus is coming back. The Holy Spirit let me know, and many of you know or believe, that many believe this is the time for Jesus to return. The Holy Spirit shared with me that each season this occurs, "when people believe Jesus is returning," there is a great disappointment and a great falling away from the faith. This happened after Jesus left for Heaven after the Crucifixion. It also happened before and during the period when Jerusalem fell (70 AD). This happened before and during the period of World Wars One and Two.

It would stand to reason, that naturally (in our physical nature and our spiritual nature) that just as flowers and trees bud before they bloom, we as Christians should be looking for something within ourselves (not outside of ourselves (someone telling us)), but something within us will signal to us that the Lord is coming – if we are His. Something supernatural inside of us will say to us that we must get ready the Lord is coming. But we have to be good stewards first.

If we believe Jesus was really coming now, we would be getting ready. If you and I really believed that the LORD was coming NOW, then we all would began to really live like Christians, and not play at it, role model at it, flip-flop at it like a fish out of water, act like criminals, sadists, sexists, racists, polygamists, Pharisees, lawyers, greed mongers, sex mongers, idolaters, and the like. If you are thinking, that is not me – look around, if it is not you, it is your neighbors, in your neighborhood. If we really believed that Jesus was coming now, then we would be making preparations for a BIG PASTOR'S APPRECIATION day celebration (just like last one you had for the pastor). It would be called, "WELCOME HOME JESUS DAY." Or rather, welcome back day, we forgot You said that You would never leave us. What else did we forget?

Now none of those negative things from above belong to you or me. Let me break it down for you and me. Do we realize?

- We are in school (on earth) preparing for graduation (Heaven). How can we expect to graduate when Jesus is the teacher and we are listening to and following Solomon and Paul or someone else instead of Jesus and His Words (Commandments)? Many of us do not understand that we are in "The <u>JESUS</u> School of Spirituality" and we must make good grades or we do not graduate. Or we graduate to a place we do not want to go to. But know we are in school; better learn.
- 2. There have been theologians throughout history who have said Jesus was coming back here or there. Who were they working for? How can one be so presumptuous to believe to know when Jesus is coming when only God knows when? You see, if you are THINKING SPIRITUALLY, you will understand that IF our focus was to be on the EXACT date of Jesus' Return and if God wanted us to know, He would have let Jesus know and Jesus would have, maybe, told us about it. But since our focus was to be NOT on the TIME of the return but on Jesus and what He told us to DO, then imagine where the NOISE is coming from concerning the LAST DAYS? "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or, "Look, *He is* there!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect." Mark 13:21-22 (NKJ)
- People live in their sins while on earth. (It is your bed; you are sleeping in it.) "...See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." John 5:14 (NKJ) Ignorance, greed and any

number of negative behaviors have natural conditions looking like the last days. Greedy developers and poor commiserate governments allow humans to build in flood plains, on cliff's edges or mountain slopes which has disastrous effects. The most destructive weapon of satan, *automobiles*, continue to destroy the planet as we enjoy the comfort of our cars as sole passengers. And some sit back, watch, or participate in the rich taking advantage of the poor and disadvantaged.

I know many of us are living in hell and are ready to go to Heaven, but are not making any preparations to leave (paying tithes is not making preparations—that is only a test of the heart, of which there are many (many tests of the heart)). Some of us are living the "HIGH" life, big-time money, glory, stardom or small doses of it. Often, there is no preparation or thought to Heaven or the Kingdom, perhaps only in song and dance. We have to do something to get ready for the Return of Christ -- and Jesus will help us with the Preparations, if only we ask and be willing to PREPARE.

## **BE A GOOD STEWARD NOW**



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