

HOW TO PREPARE CHILDREN FOR THE LAST DAYS

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I. STUDY THE SCRIPTURES ON THE COMING OF THE LORD AS A FAMILY

Matthew 24 and 25, Mark 13, Luke 21

- A. List promised signs of His coming — wars, famines, etc.
- B. List commandments for us — watch, be alert, pray, etc.

II. PREPARE A DEFENSE AGAINST THE “SPIRIT OF THE AGE” NOW

As you read II Timothy 3:1-5, ask your family “if these attitudes will prevail in the Last Days, what should be our attitude?” example

WORLD	<u>vs.</u>	CHRISTIAN
verse 4 — love pleasure more than God Matthew 24:12 — love grows cold	vs.	love God first — Mark 12:30 Guard first love — Revelation 2:4
verse 2 — lovers of their own selves	vs.	deny self — Luke 9:23 love not life unto death — Revelation 12:11
verse 2 — proud	vs.	humble yourself — James 4:10 serve others
verse 2 — disobedient	vs.	children obey your parents — Colossians 3:20
verse 2 — unthankful	vs.	in everything give thanks — I Thessalonians 5:18 Colossians 3:17
verse 2 — covetous Colossians 3:15 — covetousness is idolatry	vs.	love not the world or the things in the world — I John 2:15 beware of covetousness — Luke 12:15 seek first the Kingdom — Matthew 6:33
verse 2 — unholy good is evil and evil is good sin is more evident — Matthew 24:12	vs.	Bride of Christ increasingly yearns to be holy — Ephesians 5:27 unspotted by world — James 1:27 be ye holy — I Peter 1:15, 16

III. PRACTICAL PREPARATION FOR YOUR FAMILY

1. Talk about and expect His return — Maranatha!
Matthew 24:44 — Be ye also ready
Luke 21:28 — Look up, your redemption draws near
2. Watch signs
3. Be sure your child is saved (Noah and his sons)

4. Have the attitude "This world is not our home"
 - strangers, aliens, pilgrims
 - not entangled with the world — II Timothy 2:3-4
 - not conformed to this world — Romans 12:2
 - love not the world — I John 2:15
5. Develop strong, unshakable FAITH in your child
 - II Timothy 1:5 — Timothy had pure faith like his mother and grandmother
 - Hebrews 11 — Moses had faith of parents not to fear the king
 - Luke 21:26 — men's hearts will fail for fear
6. Be strong in prayer (together as a family)
 - Watch and pray — I Peter 4:7, Luke 34:36
7. Study and memorize the Word together
 - The very elect will be deceived. We MUST know the Word
 - II Thessalonians 2:10 — loved not the Truth
 - II Timothy 3:13-17, Matthew 24:24
8. Fervently "win the lost" — make it a family priority
 - "Work while it is day for the night comes when no man can work." — John 9:4
9. Know God and His character
 - Daniel 11:32b know God and be strong, do exploits
10. Prepare to face persecution
 - II Timothy 3:12, II Timothy 2:3, Matthew 24:9, Hebrews 11:34-40
11. Give experiences without comforts — builds endurance
12. Be continually filled with the Spirit! — Ephesians 5:16-18

Philippians 2:15 — "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;"

I Thessalonians 5:6 — "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober."

I Thessalonians 5:16-24 — "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

Revelation 22:17 — "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."