

Paul's Letter to the
Romans

Ch. 13:11-14 *Part 1*



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2 SIMPLE COMMANDS

IN PREPARATION FOR OUR LORD



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2. Be Holy! (vv. 12b-14)

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ALOT OF EXHORTATIONS

- Present your bodies a living sacrifice (12:1)
- Do not be conformed to this world. (12:2)
- Don't think too highly of yourself. (12:3)
- Use your gift in the service of the Lord. (12:6)
- Love without hypocrisy. (12:9)
- Hate evil. (12:9)
- Be devoted to one another. (12:10)
- Be diligent. (12:11)
- Be Fervent. (12:11)
- Rejoice in hope. (12:12)
- Persevere in tribulation (12:12)
- Devoted to prayer. (12:12)
- Bless those who persecute you. (12:14)
- Don't pay back evil for evil (12:17)
- Resepect what is right (12:17)
- Don't take your own revengs (12:19)
- Don't be overcome by evil, overcome evil w/good
- Submit yourself to the governing authorities (13:1-13)
- Pay your taxes, give honor.... (13:7)
- Pay your debts, owe everyone the debt of love. (13:8)
- Love your neighbor (13:9)



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*For the Christian, there should be a sense of awareness, A pressure, if you will, placed upon you, to seize the opportunity that has been presented before you as a child of Jesus Christ, a servant of Christ, **to live every moment to supreme effectiveness for your Savior.**

BE AWAKE, BE READY!



Acts 20:28 “Be on the alert.”
1 Peter 5:8 “Be on the alert.”
1 Cor. 15:31 “Be sober-minded”.

Matt 24:42-44 ““Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. “But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. “For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.”

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Luke 12:35-38 “Be dressed in readiness, and **keep** your lamps lit. “Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks. “Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them. “Whether he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.”

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The idea is to be awake with a purpose to live a holy life
in preparation and readiness for the arrival of your
savior Jesus Christ.

MATT 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. “Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. “For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps.

“Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and began to sleep. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. “The foolish said to the prudent, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ “But the prudent answered, ‘No, there will not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ “And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. “Later the other virgins also came, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open up for us.’ “But he answered, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’ “**Be on the alert** then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.”



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JOB 24:13-17



“Others have been with those who rebel against the light; They do not want to know its ways Nor abide in its paths. “The murderer arises at dawn; He kills the poor and the needy, And at night he is as a thief. “The eye of the adulterer waits for the twilight, Saying, ‘No eye will see me.’ And he disguises his face. “In the dark they dig into houses, They shut themselves up by day; They do not know the light. “For the morning is the same to him as thick darkness, For he is familiar with the terrors of thick darkness.”

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HE IS COMING AND SO IS "THE DAY"



“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.” 1 Thess. 4:16-18

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