

Heavenly Investments (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

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1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NIV) *Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.*

1. Understand the day of the Lord for _____

1 Thessalonians 5:1 (NIV) *Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,*

1A. That day will come _____

1 Thessalonians 5:2 (NIV) *for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.*

1B. That day will bring _____

1 Thessalonians 5:3 (NIV) *While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.*

2. The day of the Lord will not _____ believers

1 Thessalonians 5:4 (NIV) *But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.*

2A. Believers are to be _____

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6 (NIV) *You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled.*

2B. Believers are _____ on that day

1 Thessalonians 5:7-8 (NIV) *For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.*

3. The day of the Lord brings _____

1 Thessalonians 5:9 (NIV) *For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

3A. That day continues our life with _____

1 Thessalonians 5:10 (NIV) *He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.*

3B. _____ one another about that day

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV) *Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

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Intro. In what ways can believers invest their lives in light of eternity?

How have some believers let their lives get out of balance regarding teaching about the end times?

Explain the principles of living a balanced life in 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12.

- 1A. Why should believers not argue about the times and dates of the end times (1 Thessalonians 5:1)?
- 1B. How will the day of the Lord come as a thief in the night for unbelievers (1 Thessalonians 5:2)?
- 1C. What will be the consequences of the day of the Lord for the lost (1 Thessalonians 5:3)?
- 1D. How will the day of the Lord be like the flood of Noah's day (Luke 17:26-30)?
- 1E. How can we warn unbelievers of this impending disaster?

- 2A. Since we don't know when Jesus is coming, how will that day not surprise us (1 Thessalonians 5:4)?
- 2B. How can believers be alert and self-controlled (sober) with respect to the day of the Lord (1 Thessalonians 5:5-6)?
- 2C. Why do you think that God's Word emphasizes putting on defensive armor in its discussion of the day of the Lord (1 Thessalonians 5:7-8)?
- 2D. How are the lost lulled into a false sense of security regarding the day of the Lord?
- 3A. Why is the wrath of God poured out on the lost in the day of the Lord (1 Thessalonians 5:9)? How does this contrast with salvation for the believer?
- 3B. Explain what Paul means when he says that whether we are awake or asleep we live with Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:10).
- 3C. How can you use your understanding of the day of the Lord to encourage and build up other believers (1 Thessalonians 5:11)?
- 3D. In what ways can you regularly encourage and remind yourself that Jesus is coming again?
- 3E. How can your work/job be done for the Lord in light of His coming?