

Devotional Thoughts :: Thought this worth sharing**Thought this worth sharing - posted by MaryJane, on: 2009/12/27 17:51**

Greetings

Today I received this email and felt the thoughts shared within worth passing on to my brothers and sister in Christ here at SI.

God Bless
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"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." (Luke 12:35-40)

I realize that Jesus probably will not return today; there are prophesied events that don't seem to have happened so far, and the Bride isn't ready (yet). But what if the skies split today and He very unexpectedly appeared on a cloud? Would He find me "dressed ready for service" with my "lamp burning"? Would I be prepared to welcome Him back immediately? My readiness has everything to do with practical choices. How will I spend this day?

Will I "kill" time or redeem it? Will I while away the hours, or will I spend them wisely in worshiping God and in "doing good to all people, especially to those who belong to the Family of believers"?

Will I follow the path of least resistance, even though I have been fully warned that the easiest road of them all leads straight to Destruction? Or will I live today deliberately and on Purpose, consciously looking for ways to put God's word into practice and to help others do the same?

Will I live today with a lazy, sloppy attitude, cutting corners and excusing complacency and half-heartedness? Or today will I instead "do with all my might what my hand finds to do"?

Will I "zone out," allowing my mind to drift in the breeze and meander into what is unprofitable and perhaps downright unlawful? Or will I maintain an "awareness of God" throughout the activities of this day?

Today will the fruitfulness of my heart be stifled by "life's riches, worries, and pleasures"? Will my thoughts be preoccupied with my material possessions (or lack of them), with the uncertainties and challenges of employment or finances or health or expectations, with entertaining my flesh and satiating its desires? All of these things are flammable. Truly, not a single one of them will survive the test of Fire on the day that Jesus returns. Or will I instead "lay up treasures in Heaven," investing deeply in God and in people, the only "things" that will survive that Day?

There is only one Right answer; there is only one attitude of heart that will put a smile on Jesus' face, whether He happens to return today or not. But He has entrusted this day to me along with the freedom to choose what to do with it. And I am glad He did. Because He has left the choice to me, I have the opportunity to offer gifts to Him.

So today—and into the "second and third watches of the night"—I will live with the Posture of waiting for my Master to return from (and to!) a wedding banquet. Maranatha!

Re: Thought this worth sharing - posted by samraj (), on: 2009/12/27 18:20

it is a very wonderful message ,worth sharing.I feel it s very practical and heart searching ,questioning the stand of a pre son before God .saints may delight to hear to receive their due reward ,where as sinners may fear to deserve their right fruit of judgement.so it matters whether i continue to live with out his presence away from him or waiting with all hope to see him.Are we ranked among the foolish or wise virgins as it is depicted the scriptures?i think if we got to live our with t hese values surely it will act as a catalyst in our christian life.

we can have a very similar message written by Dr.William c.burns a scottish pastor later on moved to China as a missio nary in his book "REVIVAL SERMONS"

i pray may the Lord restore this knowldege of his coming while it is little spoke from our present day pulpits.
thanks mary jane for sharing your thoughts in SI .