



*"Find Your Purpose and Reach Your Destiny"*

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## **Preparedness**

**Summary:** Readiness, preparation, alertness, attentiveness, and awareness are words that describe a state of preparedness. We, as children of God, ought to always be ready for the day of the Lord as it can come at any time.

**Question:** Is your faith truly in God?

- **Reference Text:** *2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:1-5 (Apostasy)*

Apostasy in Christianity is the rejection of Christianity by someone who formerly was a *professing* Christian. The term apostasy comes from the Greek word *apostasia* meaning defection, departure, revolt or rebellion. It has been described as a willful falling away from, or rebellion against Christianity.

- **Reference Text:** *Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21 (The Olivet Discourse)*

*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. **Matt. 24:14***

- **Lesson texts:** *Mark 9:42-50, 16:14-20, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:13-25, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:8-18*

## **Lesson:**

Mark 9:42-50

1. The Hand: Mark 9:43 (actions and practices)
2. The Foot: Mark 9:45 (paths and ways you take to achieve what you want)
3. The Eye: Mark 9:47 (desires, lusts, what you envision; the imagination)

Mark 16:14-20

1. Unbelief and hardness of heart (v. 14-16) *Ref: Rev. 21:8*
2. Signs of a believer (v. 17-18) *Ref: Rev. 19:7-8*
3. The believer's assurance (v. 19-20)

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:13-21

1. Prepare your mind for action (v. 13-15)
2. God is Holy! (v.16-17)
3. The believer has been redeemed with the precious blood of Christ! (v. 18-21)

2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:8-18

1. All is in God's timing (v. 8-9)
2. Living in the hope of the Lord's coming (v. 11-13)
3. Be alert; be ready (v. 14, 17)

*\*Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. (Matt. 24:42)*

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