

# READY

*Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Matthew 24:44 (NLT)*

**No one knows when Jesus will be returning.**

*36 “However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows. Matthew 24:36 (NLT)*

Christ’s second coming has 2 main implications:

- That Christ is **undeniably coming** again.
- That we should **be ready**.

To undertake any important task or to be prepared for an event, we need to carefully follow the plan & instructions.

## INSTRUCTION #1: Love the Lord

*The first step sets a foundation for all other steps*

*“There are many angles in which you can fall, but only one angle in which you can stand straight.”*

**G.K. Chesterton**

*The strength of every relationship is determined by:*

- *Level of Commitment*
- *Level of Intimacy*

*37 Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”* **Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)**

*“There are some things in life, and they may be the most important things, that we cannot know by research or reflection, but only by committing ourselves. We must dare in order to know. Life is full of situations to which I can respond not with part of myself but only with commitment of my whole being.”*

***J.H. Oldham***

*16 “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”* **John 3:16 (NLT)**

## **INSTRUCTION #2: Hold onto the Word**

*10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.* **John 10:10 (NIV)**

We can prevent ourselves from experiencing the fullness of life God would have for us, by:

- ***Disobedience***
- ***Rebellion Or***
- ***Ignorance***

**To experience the fullness of life, we need to hold onto His Word.**

**Holding onto His Word leads us to our destination.**

*11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*

**Isaiah 55:11 (NLT)**

*18 But in the end, the holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever.”*

**Daniel 7:18 (NLT)**

Question:

- How much are we trusting in God's game plan?
- How much are we holding onto his word?

### **INSTRUCTION #3: Be a witness**

*6 But if the watchman sees the enemy coming and doesn't sound the alarm to warn the people, he is responsible for their captivity. They will die in their sins, but I will hold the watchman responsible for their deaths.’*

7 “Now, son of man, I am making you a watchman for the people of Israel. Therefore, listen to what I say and warn them for me. 8 If I announce that some wicked people are sure to die and you fail to tell them to change their ways, then they will die in their sins, and I will hold you responsible for their deaths. **Ezekiel 33:6-8 (NIV)**

“Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly.” **James 3:1 (NIV)**

We have a responsibility to the things we know and the things we have learnt

“Tell your children about it in the years to come, and let your children tell their children. Pass the story down from generation to generation.” **Joel 1:3 (NLT)**

“So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. But you will receive power when the

*Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:6-8 (NLT)*

**Our job is not to know the beginnings from the end.**  
**Our job is to go out and be witnesses.**