



Preparation

- **For success**
 - Joshua. Joshua 1:10-11
 - John. Isaiah 40:3
- **Unprepared: Shame, hurt, harm, danger.** 2 Corinthians 9:3-4

Unprepared Spiritually

- **Parable of virgins.** Matthew 25:1-13
- **Preparation alone is not enough.**
 - **Must do what we prepare to do.**

When We Are Not Prepared For The Lord's Return We Are Being ...

- **Foolish.** Matthew 25:2; Ephesians 5:15-16
 - Idle (lazy). Proverbs 6:6-11
 - Spiritually lazy. Hebrews 6:9-12
- **Wasteful.** Ephesians 5:16 (Matthew 25:8-12)
- **Self-centered and self-indulgent.** Luke 12:15-21
- **Unfaithful.** Matthew 24:42-51

Must Prepare For ...

- **Death.** Hebrews 9:27 (2 Kings 20:1)
 - Obey gospel. Romans 6:16-18, 23
 - Repent. 2 Peter 3:9-10
 - What hinders you? Acts 8:36

Must Prepare For ...

- **Judgment.** Hebrews 9:27; Amos 4:12
 - Avoid sin: Watch and pray. Luke 21:33-36
 - Faithful living. Romans 2:3-11 (7, 10)
 - **BE SAVED – BE FAITHFUL – BE GROWING**


Must Prepare For ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Life. James 4:13-17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In youth. Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:1 ➤ In old age. Ecclesiastes 12:1ff ➤ Whole of our existence. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
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Preparation is Essential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Husband / Wife. Ephesians 5:22-33 ➤ Parent. Judges 13:8; Ephesians 6:4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sacrifice time, money, energy ... ➤ Wisdom and self-discipline to train. Proverbs 4:1-4, 10-13, 20-23 (Hebrews 12:6)
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Preparation is Essential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bible student and teacher. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Timothy 2:2, 15 ➤ Accept the responsibility. James 3:1; Hebrews 5:12 ➤ Equip yourself with the word. 1 Timothy 4:13, 15-16 ➤ Live the word. 1 Timothy 4:12 ➤ Suffering. 2 Timothy 3:12; Hebrews 10:32ff
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Preparation is Essential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Service in the kingdom of God. (Matthew 20:25-28) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Teach sinners and saints. Matthew 28:18-20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Both need teaching. Romans 10:13-15; 1:15 ➤ Lost brethren. James 5:19-20 (Galatians 6:1)
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<p>How tragic to miss heaven for being unprepared!</p>	
Matthew 25:11-12	