

“Living Life on the Edge of Eternity”

Based on Matthew 24:36-44 (NIV)
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Matthew 24:36 - "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

† **No person or group knows when Jesus Christ will come again.**

† **The main point that Jesus is making is that people are not prepared.**

Matthew 24:44 - So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

† **Advent means “coming” or “arrival”.**

† **Jesus’ first coming has come, so we celebrate.**

† **Jesus’ second coming has not come, so we need to be ready.**

Matthew 24:42 - "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."

† **To be ready (to watch) is to live daily as God wants me to live.**

† **Live by taking care of others and doing God’s will here on earth.**

† **I, not God, limit myself to the short width of life.**

† **Instead, I need to act on all the marvelous opportunities God has given me.**

† **I ought to live every day like I only have a few more days to live.**

Applying Today’s Message to My Life:

† What have I done to prepare for Christmas?

† What have I done to prepare for eternal life?

† What “marvelous opportunities” has God given me?

† Do I limit myself to the short width of God’s love or the great lengths that God has gone to for me?

† What would I do differently if I were to live as if I only had a few weeks left to live?

- What’s stopping me from doing it?