

Children of the Light

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 [Page 1840]

Prayer Concerns:

Regarding the Day of the Lord, Paul does not share times and dates.

Instead, he calls believers to constant _____ and _____

While that day will come like a thief in the night, believers are called to be _____ of the _____ in an otherwise _____ world.

Characteristics of a life in the light vs. a life in the darkness:

- _____ vs. deception and obscurity
- Naturally shared and communal vs. naturally _____

Characteristics of a life lived with alertness and vigilance:

- Alert believers live with a constant awareness of God's _____
- Alert believers live with _____

Children of the light are not just well-behaved. They are living a _____ life.

Children of the light should strive to...

- Have no _____
- Live in full _____ and _____
- Preach the gospel to _____ and _____ every day.

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

The Bible Recap:

1. How did the Lord speak to you through your reading of Exodus 4-12? How do these chapters help you gain a deeper understanding and love for God?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1. Why might one want to know the date and time of the Day of the Lord? Why did God, through Paul, choose not to reveal that information to us?
2. Despite not knowing the time of Christ's return, how are Christians equipped to avoid being surprised when the Lord returns "like a thief in the night"?
3. What are the benefits of living our lives "in the light" as opposed to living in darkness?

4. Verse 8 describes believers putting on "faith and love as a breastplate and the hope of salvation as a helmet." Reading in context, what are these items meant to protect us from? Why might we need this protection?
5. According to verse 10, we don't need to wait for Christ's return to live life together with Him. In what ways does God's constant presence with us affect our daily lives?

Taking it Home:

1. What is one specific way you can live as a child of the light this week?
2. Is there an area of your life you can share with other believers that you've kept in the dark until now?
3. Is there an opportunity for you to do whatever you do for the glory of God in a greater way to prevent coasting or "sleeping"? Perhaps for now, the next step is to remind yourself and others daily that "he died for us so that whether awake or asleep, we may live together with him" [5:10]. Whatever you choose, know that as believers, we are loved by God and called to live with purpose and integrity with Him now and eternally.