

**BOOK OF ROMANS**  
**DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?**  
**ROMANS 13:11-14**

**INTRODUCTION**

**KNOWING THE TIMES** we are living in is vitally important in our lives.

As I go about in this **MINISTRY** that **GOD** has given to me I have an opportunity to talk to a great number of people from all walks of life.

I talk with many people who **KNOW THEY ARE LOST** but are not interested in doing anything about it, at least not today. They **INTEND** to do something about it one day, but just not today. These people don't really have an understanding about the times they live in.

I also talk to a great number of people who **PROFESS** that they are **SAVED**, but they are not **BUSY** about what the **PEOPLE OF GOD** should be **BUSY** about. That is, they are so wrapped up with **THEMSELVES** and **THIS LIFE** and often, **THEIR SIN**, that they have **no time for GOD**.

Though they testify to being **SAVED** their lives evidence many of the characteristics that **PAUL** wrote would be **PREVALENT** in the **LAST DAYS** in **2 Timothy 3:1-5**. (i.e. They are "2...lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy..., 4 ...lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof...")

One of the great problems with both the **LOST** and those who **PROFESS** to be **SAVED** but have little, if any, evidence of it in their lives, is that **SATAN** today has men fast asleep **SPIRITUALLY** speaking in **SELF** and **SIN**, and one of his great devices is to keep them that way.

**SATAN** does not care what these people do, as long as he can keep them in their **SLUMBER!**

The teaching of these verses before us is that an **UNDERSTANDING** of the **NEARNESS OF ETERNITY** should prompt us to live differently.

Let me ask this question—**DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?**

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**I. IT IS TIME TO BE WELL-INFORMED!**

*"And that, knowing the time. . ." (Vs 11a)*

*Matthew 16:1-3—“The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. **O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?”***

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-2—“But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.”*

**TO BE WELL-INFORMED. . .**

**A. We Need To Know The BIBLE!**

**1. The WORD OF GOD Reveals The Times!**

It is not out of date. It is right on schedule. It helps us to **UNDERSTAND OUR PAST**. It helps us to **UNDERSTAND OUR PRESENT**. It helps us to **KNOW WHAT IS IN OUR FUTURE**. It shows us **GOD'S PLAN and PURPOSE for the ages**.

**2. The WORD OF GOD Shows Us What To Do In Light Of The Times!**

**a. It will help us to see things differently. (i.e. reality)**

**b. It will help us to live differently.**

**1. We can live life without FRETTING!**

**2. We can live life without FEAR!**

**3. Because we live by FAITH!**

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**B. We Need To Know GOD.**

1. **KNOWING ABOUT GOD** and **KNOWING GOD** are two different things.
2. Do you have a living, loving relationship with **GOD**?
3. **KNOWING GOD** will help you understand the times.

**C. We Need To Know Ourselves.**

An honest self-evaluation is a necessity.

1. Do you know for sure that you are saved?
2. Is your present life direction pleasing to the **LORD**?

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**II. IT IS TIME TO BE WIDE-AWAKE OR WATCHFUL!**

*“. . .that now it is high time to awake out of sleep for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.” (Vs 11b)*

*Ephesians 5:15-17—“See then that ye **walk circumspectly**, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.”*

*“circumspectly”— means “exactly; cautiously; with watchfulness every way; with attention to guard against surprise or danger.”*

*1 Thessalonians 5:6-8—“Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us **watch and be sober**. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.”*

*“watch”— means “to keep awake.”*

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*“be sober”— means “don’t be intoxicated.” (But understand that there is a wider application than just drinking!)*

*1 Peter 1:13-15—“Therefore **gird up the loins of your mind, be sober**, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;”*

*“gird up the loins of your mind”— the idea is “to not be sloppy in our thinking.”*

*1 Peter 5:8—“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”*

*“be vigilant”— this is the same word translated “watch” which means to “keep awake.”*

*Matthew 26:41—“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*

*Mark 13:33—“Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.”*

*“Take ye heed”— means “to look.”*

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**III. IT IS TIME TO BE WISE!**

*“The night is far spent, the day is at hand, let us therefore cast off the works of darkness” (Vs 12a)*

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In light of the fact that **JESUS** could come at any moment or that we could die at any moment in time, we need to live our lives accordingly.

If we knew for absolute certain that **JESUS** was coming tomorrow or that we were going to die tomorrow, what would be different in our lives?

Would there be **WORKS OF DARKNESS** in our lives that would need to be **CAST OFF**?

*Matthew 24:43*—“*But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.*”

**IV. IT IS TIME TO BE WARRIORS!**

*“ . . .and let us put on the armour of light.” (Vs 12b)*

*Ephesians 6:10-11*—“*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*”

*Ephesians 6:13*—“*Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*”

*2 Timothy 2:3-4*—“*Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.*”

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**V. IT IS TIME TO BE WITNESSES!**

*“Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.” (Vs 13)*

*“honestly”*—means *“decently or suitable to a character, or to the time, place, and occasion.”* It means *“in a becoming or proper manner”*

*“rioting”*—means *“a carousal (as if a letting loose)”* A big drunken feast or festival.

*“drunkenness”* – means *“an intoxication of any kind.”*

*“chambering”* – means *“cohabitation, shacking up, living together out of wedlock.”*

*“wantonness”* – *licentiousness*, which means *“excessive indulgence of liberty; contempt of the just restraints of law, morality and decorum.”*

*“strife”*— means *“noisy quarreling or an angry dispute.”*

*“envying”* – means *“to be hot with jealousy or malice.”*

Let me ask you this question: **Are you walking in a way that says that you are a Child of the King?**

Does the world ask *“Are you a Christian?”* when they see **CHRIST living in you** or do they say *“You, are a Christian?”* when they hear you say one thing and then you live another.

*Ephesians 4:1*—“*I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,*”

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**VI. IT IS TIME TO BE WARDROBED! (Clothed)**  
***“But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ. . .” (Vs 14a)***

The world says that the clothes make the man.

**What is our spiritual clothing saying about us?**

*Ephesians 4:24*—“And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

**VII. IT IS TIME TO BE WARY!**  
***“. . . and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.” (Vs 14b)***

Our flesh can't be trusted. We should not make provision for it to fulfil its desires.

*Romans 8:12-13*—“Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.”

*Galatians 5:16-17*—“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other:”

*Galatians 5:24-25*—“And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

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*Colossians 3:5-7*—“Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.”

*1 Peter 2:11*—“Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;”

*1 John 2:14-17*—“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”

**Conclusion**

Do you know what time it is? Are you living like you know what time it is?

Are you saved?

Are you serving the LORD?

It is time to be Well-Informed.

It is time to be Wide-Awake and Watchful.

It is time to be Wise.

It is time to be Warriors.

It is time to be Witnesses.

It is time to be Wardrobed.

It is time to be Wary.