



Today's Message

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Title: *Living With Expectation*

Text: Luke 21:34–38 (ESV)

³⁴ “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” ³⁷ And every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet. ³⁸ And early in the morning all the people came to him in the temple to hear him.

Introduction: In the final paragraph of the Olivet Discourse, Jesus challenged his hearers to live with constant expectation of his return. We show the kind of expectation Jesus had in mind through commitment to resist careless worldliness while praying for persevering strength.

Today's take-home truth: The followers of Jesus expect his return and prepare for it.

I. Guard your heart. 34-36

- A. Protect it because we are prone to worldliness. 34a
- B. Protect it because Christ's coming will occur suddenly. 34b

- C. Protect it because the whole world will give an account. 35

II. Pray. 36

- A. Pray with understanding.
- B. Pray continually.
- C. Pray for divine strength:
 - 1. Pray for the strength to persevere.
 - 2. Pray that the Lord will complete the good work he began in you (cf. Philippians 2:6).

Postscript: Jesus knew what lay ahead, yet he was faithful to his mission unto the very end. Let us follow his teaching *and* his example! 37-38