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Living in a Chaotic World



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Is this the last Christmas for Sears?



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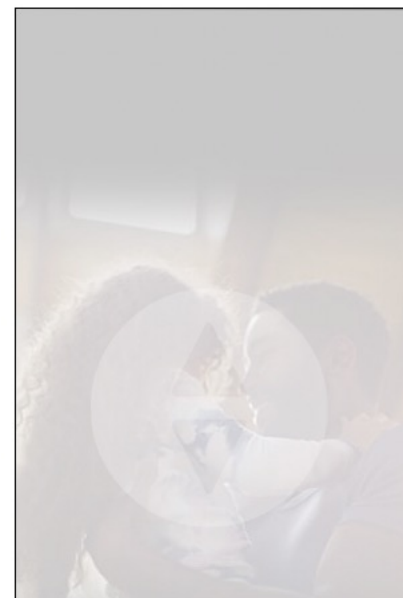
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Hastening His Return?

“The rabbis claimed that the Messiah would come if only all Israel would repent or obey the law perfectly for one day – a teaching found in different forms in Jewish literature.”

Douglas Moo, *The NIV Application Commentary: 2 Peter, Jude*



Old Testament Prophecy

“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.”

Isaiah 65:17-19

What Kind of People Ought You to Be?

1. **Be Devoted** – Focus on the Promise of New Creation. (vv.11-13)



We've Been Given the Power to Live Godly

“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”

2 Peter 1:3-4



Be Devoted to God, Not Prosperity

“Prosperity knits a man with the World. He feels that he is ‘finding his place in it,’ while really it is finding it’s place in him.”

C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters





Live With an Eternal Perspective

“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4:17-18



How Could This Scripture Be Twisted?

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”

2 Corinthians 3:17



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READING THE TESTAMENTS OF THE BIBLE

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Per Day

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Takeaway

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30 MINUTES PER DAY

What percentage of people spend 30 minutes or more each day engaging with the following activities?



Email 70%



TV 59%



Books 55%



Housework 55%



Hobbies 42%



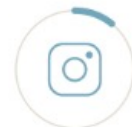
Podcasts 32%



Facebook 28%



YouTube 26%



Instagram 11%



Twitter 6%

How much could you read spending 30 minutes with your Bible every day?

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| <i>the book of</i> ECCLESIASTES | 1 day |
| <i>the book of</i> ROMANS | 2 days |
| <i>the Gospel of</i> MARK | 3 days |
| <i>the book of</i> GENESIS | 7 days |
| <i>the book of</i> PSALMS | 10 days |
| <i>the</i> EPISTLES & REVELATION | 15 days |
| <i>the</i> PENTATEUCH | 30 days |
| <i>the</i> NEW TESTAMENT | 40 days |
| <i>the</i> OLD TESTAMENT | 120 days |
| <i>the</i> WHOLE BIBLE | 160 days |

GRACE

Keeps you tolerant and loving

Gives you mercy and compassion

Helps you believe and accept

Results in vulnerability

KNOWLEDGE

Keeps you strong and confident

Gives you discernment

Helps you question and critique

Results in stability

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3. **Be Discerning** – Focus on the Person of Christ. (vv.17-18)

