

Donna's Devotional

Are You Ready?

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh.—Matthew 24:44

We spend a great amount of time preparing for things in life. Ladies prepare their hair and their make-up to look just right. A musician practices hours for their performance. Athletes practice to do their best in competition. We prepare for our vocation and our vacation. Many hours of our life are spent getting our home and our yards ready for visitors.

Military experts work diligently to keep America in a state of readiness. In the days leading up to the American Revolution, the Minute Men were ready to fight for freedom at a moment's notice. Are we living in this kind of readiness? Are we prepared for the Lord?

The Bible uses the phrase "Be ready" sixteen times. The Israelites were told to be ready for the Lord (Exodus 19). First Peter tells us to be ready to give a reason for our hope. Titus explains that we are to be ready with every good work. Some day we will stand before our Lord, and we are told to be ready to give an account.

The Boy Scout motto is "Be Prepared" and the Christian motto should be "Be ready". We are told to be vigilant because our adversary is seeking to destroy us. The Christian life is not one of apathy, but it is one of preparedness. We are to be ready to share the gospel, to stand against the wiles of the Devil, to live a life pleasing to the Lord, and to watch for His soon return.

Perhaps today!