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## **Get Your House in Order!**

Scripture: Isaiah 38:1-5; Revelation chapters 2 thru 3

"Getting your house in order" in the <u>natural</u> sense means making arrangements for inheritance, funeral plans, and taking care of practical matters like making a will, arranging for the care of loved ones, and settling any outstanding debts or disputes. It's about ensuring a smooth transition and minimizing burdens for those left behind.

Moreover, it extends beyond mere physical arrangements; it encompasses the idea of evaluating one's relationships, spiritual state, and moral conduct in light of God's purpose and eternal destiny. The urgency of this directive reinforces the transient nature of life and the importance of living in a manner that reflects one's faith and commitment to God. Therefore, we must examine our relationship with God, repent of our sins, live a life of integrity and righteousness and live in accordance with God's Word. It's about ensuring our soul is in alignment with God's will. We will be held accountable for our choices and actions.

It is also a call for us to organize our lives, both spiritually and practically, to face trials with resilience and faith. This preparation may involve setting priorities, managing resources wisely, and seeking guidance through <u>prayer and scripture</u>. So we can navigate life's difficulties with a sense of peace and purpose, trusting in God's plan for our lives. Just as Hezekiah was reminded of the gravity of his situation, we are encouraged to take stock of our lives, ensuring that we are living in accordance with God's instructions, and nurturing our spiritual health. Thus, "getting your house in order" is a holistic call to live intentionally and faithfully in anticipation of God's plans and purposes.

In <u>Matthew 24:44</u>, Jesus teaches His followers to be ready because the Son of Man will come at an hour <u>they do not expect.</u> Efforts to determine the date of Christ's return are foolish. Don't be misled by anyone who claims to know. **The Scripture lets us know that no one knows, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only (Matthew 24:36), and that even the children of God will be surprised.** Jesus Christ's second coming will be swift and sudden. There will be no opportunity for last-minute repentance or bargaining. The choice we have already made will determine our eternal destiny.

His appearance will be unexpected. Revelation 16:15 says, "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." Therefore, when Jesus returns to take His people to heaven, we must be ready. Spiritual preparation cannot be bought or borrowed at the last minute. Our relationship with God must be our own. Cultivating spiritual readiness in our daily lives is a beautiful journey that requires intentionality and openness to God's presence. Start by setting aside time each day for prayer, allowing yourself to connect with God and seek His guidance. Incorporate scripture reading into your routine, letting the Word nourish your spirit and shape your thoughts.

Additionally, practice gratitude by acknowledging the blessings in your life, which can shift your perspective and keep your heart aligned with God's will. Remember, spiritual readiness is about being willing to grow and respond to God's call in every moment. Embrace the small, everyday opportunities to serve others and share His love, and you'll find that your heart becomes more attuned to His voice, guiding you through the ups and downs of life. On that day when the LORD calls us home that we be found well pleasing in His eyesight and that he might say well done my good and faithful servant.

People of God, the Lord will return suddenly and unexpectedly; we should be ready at all times!