



Foundation Scripture: ***Ephesians 5:1-2***

- I. Days of Preparation....Days of Expectation
  - A. ***II Timothy 4:1-4***
    1. ***Who is the Christian?***
      - ***A Follower...A Disciple of Jesus***
      - ***One that is willing and obedient...one that is hearing the voice of God and is quick to obey***
    2. ***What do we see in the last days?***
      - ***Perilous Times....Exploding Population, Gross Sexual Perversion, Increased Demonic Activity & Influence, Transhumanism, Continuous Evil in the Heart of Man, Increased Violence.***
      - The days of watered-down churches...feel good churches teaching feel good messages that present no accountability and no purpose....
      - We are living in the days as Jesus said, “*Blind leaders are leading the blind and both are falling into the ditch.*”
  - B. The 2 things that we have learned about Christians and their walk with God
    1. ***Christians Should Have the Answers***
    2. ***Christians Should Always Be Ready***
- II. ***Christians Should Be Witnesses With Power***
  - A. ***Acts 1:6-8***
    1. ***Power – God’s Miraculous Ability***
    2. ***Power to Do What?***
      - ***Matthew 10:1, 7-8 (Heal the sick, raise the dead, preach the Word).***
      - ***Mark 16:15-20 (Cast out devils, speak with a heavenly language, have authority over the elements of this world, heal the sick).*** Side Note: The signs followed the believer confirming the Word...Too many people are looking for signs instead of producing them!
      - ***Luke 8:1 – Teaching and SHOWING*** (Do you remember Show and Tell in school?) Imagine what the world would be like if we showed them the power of God through healing or casting out a demon and then telling them the good news of the kingdom? Isn’t this what Jesus and the early disciples did? What has changed?
  - B. The answer to the question is: We are not about our Father’s business.
    1. We are too involved in everyone else’s business that we don’t have time for God’s!
    2. ***I Thessalonians 4:11 “Study to be quiet and do your own business” –***
      - ***It takes effort and great diligence to be quiet!***
      - ***It takes effort and great diligence to mind your own business!***
      - ***John 21:21-23***