

**Wonder of...Tomorrow**  
Matthew 24:36-44 (Romans 13:11-14)

**Wonder of Tomorrow - Fear or faith?**

**The Top Ten Fears of Our Youth**  
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- Fear # 10: "I will never have a happy marriage and family."
- Fear # 9: "Someone I know or love will die of AIDS (maybe me!)."
- Fear # 8: "I feel like I have to have sex to be accepted."
- Fear # 7: "I cannot find time to do everything."
- Fear # 6: "I can't tell right from wrong."
- Fear # 5: "Peer pressure scares me."
- Fear # 4: "I (or someone I know) will be a victim of violence or crime."
- Fear # 3: "I will not be able to make it financially."
- Fear # 2: "I can't get a good education."
- Fear # 1: "Something bad may happen to my family."

**1. Wonder of Tomorrow...a Warning.**

*As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.* —Matthew 24:37

**Wake up!**

*And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.* —Romans 13:11

**Wake up from what?** (Matthew 24:37-38, Romans 13:13)

**Partying**

**Sensuality**

**Status seeking**

*The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.*

—Romans 13:12

## 2. Wonder of Tomorrow...an **Exhortation**.

*Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come...So you also must be ready,* —Matthew 24:42, 44a

*Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.* —Romans 13:14

*Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.* —Matthew 6:33

Keep Watch is an exhortation to:

Live **expectantly**

Live **relationally**

Live **righteously**

## 3. Wonder of Tomorrow...an **Invitation**.

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*Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come...So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.*—Matthew 24:42, 44

Promises to believers from John 14:1-6

- There is a **home** for me in heaven
- Jesus prepares a mansion for me.
- Jesus will **return** for me.
- Jesus will be with me.
- Jesus is the **Way**, the Truth, and the Life.

### Memory Verse:

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