

UNLOCKING PROPHECY #21

The Lifestyle of the Remnant

Give Glory to God (Glorify God)

- † Mark 14:15 says “But Peter followed Him [Jesus] at a distance...” How closely do we want to follow Jesus?
- † Revelation 14:4 says God’s people at the end will “follow the Lamb wherever He goes.”
- † “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come” (Rev. 14:7).
- † 1 Corinthians 10:31, “Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”
- † Matthew 7:13-14, “Enter by the narrow gate” don’t go down the “Broad” way that leads to destruction.
- † Mk 8:34, “...whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, & follow me.”
- † Matthew 13:45,46 – “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” (Mk 10:21; Mt 6:33)
- † Matthew 10:37, “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.”
- † 1 John 3:22, “And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.”
- † John 14:15, “If you love Me, keep My commandments.”
- † John 10:10, “I am come that they might have life more abundantly.” John 15:11, “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.” (Heb 12:2—look unto Jesus)
- † Titus 2:14, “Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people [“peculiar” in KJV], zealous for good works.”
- † John 15:19 – “You are not of the world therefore the world hates you. I have chosen you out of the world.”
- † 1 John 2:15, 16, “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world -- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life -- is not of the Father but is of the world.”

1. Glorify God in Relationships (marriage/sexual purity)

- † Genesis 2:24, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”
- † 2 Corinthians 6:14, “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?”
- † Christians should not marry non-Christians—it’s not just my opinion—it’s what the Bible says.
- † An important part of marriage is the sexual relationship—which God designed us for & we are to enjoy in the context of the marriage relationship. However, many people are having sex outside of marriage. What does the Bible say about that?
- † 1 Cor. 6:9-11, “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified...”
- † Matthew 5:27-28, “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”
- † Mt 5:31-32, “Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.”
- † What should we do if we have failed to live up to God’s high standards? 1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

2. Glorify God in Entertainment

- † “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy -- meditate on these things” (Philippians 4:8).
- † “I will behave wisely in a perfect way. Oh, when will You come to me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me” (Psalm 101:2,3).
- † Not only will Christians be very careful with what we watch, we will also be careful where we go. We should avoid places where we could not invite Jesus to go with us, such as bars, nightclubs, and casinos. Dancing can also lead people away from what is good and pure (see Ex 32:17-25; Mt 14:2-12).

3. Glorify God in Money

- † Christians should strive to live within their means & get out of debt as soon as possible.
 - Proverbs 22:7, “The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower becomes the lender's slave.”
 - Romans 13:8, “Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.”
- † God calls us to return a tithe of 10% of our increase (income).
 - Leviticus 27:30 says, “And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's. It is holy to the LORD.” Vs. 32 goes on, “For every tenth part of herd or flock, whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD.”
 - The tithe, a tenth of our income is holy to the Lord. For instance, if a person makes \$3000/month, returning tithe on that amount would be \$300.
 - Proverbs 3:9-10 says, “Honor the LORD from your wealth and from the first of all your produce; So your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine.” See also Malachi 3:6-10, Mark 12, and 2 Corinthians 9:7.

4. Glorify God in Dress

- † 2 Corinthians 5:20, “Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.”
- † What is an ambassador? An authorized messenger or representative. We are messengers or representatives of Jesus Christ, and His Heavenly kingdom. This is why John gives us the council he does in 1 John 2:15-17, “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world -- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life -- is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”
- † What does the Bible say an ambassador will not love? The world or the things of the world. Why? Because, according to Jesus, “They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world” (John 17:16).
- † One issue with jewelry is it encourages pride, attention, and exaltation of self.
- † When Jacob and his family rededicated their lives to the Lord, they buried their jewelry in the earth (Gen 35:1-4).
- † Exodus 33:5, “For the LORD had said to Moses, ‘Say to the sons of Israel, “You are an obstinate people; should I go up in your midst for one moment, I would destroy you. Now therefore, put off your ornaments [jewelry] from you, that I may know what I shall do with you.”’ So the sons of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments, from Mount Horeb onward.”
- † 1 Tim. 2:9, “In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing.”
- † 1 Peter 3:3-5, “Do not let your adornment be merely outward -- arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel -- rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands.”