SO...WHAT'S THE APPLICATION?
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WHILE WE WAIT...EXPECTED ATTITUDES FOR THE BELIEVER
MATTHEW 24:36-51

① Be _____.   (36, 42, 44, 50)

REASONS WHY GOD'S TIMING IS HIDDEN

» the temptation to _____ our obedience

» our perspective of the future would be _____

» it is _____ for us to know

② Be _____.   (vv. 37-41)

THE SIN OF NOAH'S DAY/OUR DAY

» every inclination was/is only _____ all the time

» the _____ of life were all they pursued

» those sensual pursuits led to spiritual _____

③ Be _____.   (vv. 42-44)

THE LESSONS OF THE THIEF & HOMEOWNER

» the return of Jesus is _____ in secrecy and suddenness — much like a thief

» the homeowner demonstrated _____ in being watchful and prepared

④ Be _____.   (vv. 45-51)

THE BLESSED SERVANT VS. THE EVIL SERVANT

» the blessed servant = _____ believers

» the evil servant = _____ unbelievers

» both are accountable as _____ of all God has given them

FOR FURTHER STUDY:

1. After having studied all of Matthew 24, if you were a reporter assigned to cover Jesus' "speech," what would be your headline?

2. Read Matthew 24:36-41. How will the coming of the Son of Man be similar to the days of Noah? In what ways will it be different?

3. The time of Christ's return is discussed in verses 32-41. What can be known about the timing? What can't be known?

4. Read Matthew 24:42-51. Jesus compares His coming to a thief breaking into a house (vv. 42-44) and a master returning home (vv. 45-51). What does each story emphasize about a.) the nature of the Lord's return and b.) our responsibility?

5. If the Lord returned today, what would He hope to find us doing (see verses 45-46)? What would you do if you hired a house sitter/caretaker to watch your home and children, left for a week-long vacation, and then returned a day early only to find that your caretaker had neglected your kids, destroyed your property, and ignored all your other instructions?

6. How might a non-Christian look at your life and accuse you of not believing in the imminent return of Jesus Christ?