

23 WAYS TO PREPARE OURSELVES FOR THE RAPTURE

from I Thessalonians 5

For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.
For when they shall say, "Peace and safety,"
then sudden destruction cometh upon them,
as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.
But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief, therefore. . .

I Thessalonians 5.2-5

I Thessalonians 5. 6-22

23 verbs: instructions as we wait for the Lord's return

- 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.
- 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.
- 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.
- 12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;
- 13 And to esteem them (*those "over you," v.12*) very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.
- 14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.
- 15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.
- 16 Rejoice evermore.
- 17 Pray without ceasing.
- 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
- 19 Quench not the Spirit.
- 20 Despise not prophesyings.
- 21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
- 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

In which of the 22 do you and I excel?

In which do you and I need to improve?