

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA YOUNG PEOPLE
SPRING PURSUIT

BEING WATCHFUL IN LIFE AND FAITHFUL IN SERVICE

Outline for Session Three & Four

Being Watchful for His Return

Scripture Reading: Eph. 5:14-21; Matt. 25:9-10; Rev. 3:18; Zech. 4:6; 12-14; Jud. 9:9; Matt. 22:37; Phil. 3:8; 1 Pet. 2:4, 6-7; 1:19; Psa. 119:147-148; 1 John 1:7-9.

- I. Every day we need to redeem the time by being watchful for the Lord's return—Eph. 5:14-16; Matt. 25:9-10; Rev. 3:18; Zech. 4:6, 12-14; Judges 9:9:**
- A. To watch means to “stay awake”, “be vigilant”, and “stay on the alert”.
 - B. We can watch by loving the Lord above all, having our eyes opened to see His supreme preciousness—Matt. 22:37; Phil. 3:8; 1 Pet. 2:4, 6-7; 1:19.
 - C. We can watch by enjoying the Lord in the Word every day early in the morning need to have a new start each day—Psa. 119:147-148.
 - D. We can watch by dealing with sins thoroughly—1 John 1:7-9.
 - E. The reason we need to watch is because we do not know the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming – Matt 25:13.
- II. The best way to watch (to stay alert) is to have set times in our day to be with the Lord:**
- A. The wise virgins were wise not because they scored higher on an IQ test than the foolish virgins. They were wise because they use their time wisely.
 - B. Ephesians 5:14-18 encourages us to redeem the time. We can redeem the time by having scheduled times to pray so that our time is not lost.
 - C. During these times, as we turn our eyes upon Jesus, we find that the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace (Hymn 645).