

(Mark 13:34) *For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to **Watch**.*

Live with an expectation of His return.

(Lk 19:12-13) *He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, **Occupy** till I come.*

To Possess and To use; to expend.

Illus: Josh babysitting, you are responsible.

Christian Commandments - Watch, Occupy **How do we walk s Children of Light?**

I. **Our Spiritual Work: WATCH:** *He is coming back, What kind of person will he find me to be?*

- a. **Lk 21:17-19** “Possess ye your souls”, nourish,
- b. **Eph 5:18** “Be filled with the Spirit”
- c. **2 Cor 5:17** “what is passing away vs new?”
- d. **Eph 2:10** “created in Christ Jesus unto good works”
- e. **Phil 2:12** “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”

Live it out: *How are you Living it Out? Can Others See It?*

Tell your story: *Do you have a story? What is it?
Have others heard your story?*

II. **Our Physical Work: OCCUPY**

- a. (Eph 5:8-10) **walk as children of light:**
To Live as Children of light, thus,

What does this mean? “Walk as Children of Light!”

The Result is, we Prove what is acceptable unto the Lord.

To Whom are we proving it too? *Ourselves, Others.*

b. **1 Thes 4:3-8** **How we treat our body: “Possess”**

Be a Steward of, *Take charge of for the owners benefit:*

What goes in our Eyes, Ears, Mouth, Heart:

“Possess your vessel in sanctification”

Sanctification~ to be set apart unto God’s for His use.

c. **Rom 6:11-13** “Let not sin therefore **REIGN** in your mortal body”

REIGN=RULE, Decide who is in control Spirit or Flesh
We are to submit to Spirit control, Resist Flesh control!

d. **1 Cor 9:24-27** “Bring my body under subjection”

Appetites: We are to master it, not be mastered by it.

e. **1 Peter 2:11-12** “Abstain from fleshly lusts”

Goals/Desires Examine our desires in the light of scripture

f. **James 1:26-27** “Unspotted by the World” The world should not dictate our standards, behaviors, or lifestyle.

g. **2 Cor 6:17-18** “Come out from among them”

Explain Separation from & Separation unto.

You are influenced by who you spend time with!

Illus: Tell me who your friends are, I will tell you who you are!

(1 Cor 15:33) *Are we impacting them, or they impacting us?*

h. **2 Tim 2:19-21** “Depart from iniquity” Know Yourself.

i. **Decide** - This is a change of Thinking!

ii. **Determine** – Daily choice!

iii. **Detour** - Be responsible adults!

Watch, Occupy (vs 10) *Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.*