

Ready?

-Ryan Parsons-

As we stand on the threshold of 2020, we would rather not look back. However, 2021 doesn't look like it is going to start as well as we would like. As tensions continue to rise, our community's health is endangered, and threats of lockdowns create uncertainty, we must all ask the question, "Are you ready and prepared?" You may be asking yourself, "For what?"

Scripture tells us to always be at the ready. We are supposed to always be ready to answer attacks on our faith with the reason we live in hope rather than despair. Sadly, this may prove useful in the days to come.

1 Peter 3:15

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

Moreover, we are to stand ready to teach the gospel message at every opportunity afforded to us.

2 Timothy 4:2

preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

And finally, as we look to the future, we should be keenly aware of situations that need a little...or a lot of Jesus. Paul calls them "good works." Preparations need to be made to deploy needed ministry at a moment's notice.

2 Timothy 2:21

Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

Titus 3:1

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work,

The new year is certain to offer some trying times. But, we know there will always be opportunities to do God's work regardless of fortune or famine. Are you preparing for the things we most certainly will be called to do in our service to our King? Let's get ready!