

IN TIMES LIKE THESE--HOW SHOULD WE LIVE IN THIS WORLD?

Series---Signs of the times

1 John 2:6

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"Anyone who says he's a Christian should live as Christ did." 1 John 2:6 (LB)

I. **How we should live in this world, in relationship to God**

1. **WITH _____** (means: you evaluate things)

John 7:24 (Mes) *"Don't be nitpickers, but use your head and heart to discern what is right to test what is authentically truth."*

Luke 11:35 (NLT) *"Make sure that the light you think you have is not really darkness."*

2. **WITH _____** (Means: wholeness)

Luke 11:36 (NLT) *"If you are filled with light, with no dark parts, then your whole life will be radiant..."*

3. **WITH _____** (MEANS: dependence upon God)

Matt. 5:3(NLT) *"God blesses those who realize their need for Him..."*

Matt. 11:28, 29 (NIV) *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle, and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*

4. **WITH _____** (Means: don't let your stuff own You)

Luke 12:15 (NIV) *"Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."*

Matt. 16:26 (NLT) *"How do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your soul in the process? Is anything worth more than your soul?"*

5. **WITH _____** (Means: to trust in what God can do)

Matt. 19:26 (NLT) *"With God everything is possible."*

Mark 9:23 (NIV) *"...Everything is possible for him who believes."*

II. How we should live in this world, in relationship to other people

1. WITH _____ (Means: love in action)

Matt. 10:41-42 (NLT) "If you welcome a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will receive the same reward a prophet gets... And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers you will surely be rewarded."

Matt. 25:40, 45 (CEV) "Whatever you did for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me...and when you failed to help any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you failed to do it for me."

2. WITH _____ (Means: treating other people like you want to be treated)

Matt. 7:12 (NIV) "In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you."

Matt. 5:9 (Mes) "You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight."

3. WITH _____ (Means: Showing love to people)

Matt 5:44 (Mes) "I'm telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer."

Luke. 6:37 (NIV) "Do not judge, and you'll not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

4. WITH _____ (Means: to give)

Luke 6:38 (NIV) "Give, and it will be given to you...For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

5. WITH _____ (Means: know what's first)

Luke 12:30-31 (CEV) "Only people who don't know God are always worrying... Your Father knows what you need. But put God's work first, and these other things will be yours as well."