

**Core Values Sermon Series:
Cherishing the Coming of Christ**
June 30, 2024 Pastor Todd McAllister

- Confessing Christ as Savior and Lord-- Romans 10:9
- Connecting with Christ in community-- Hebrews 10:25
- Celebrating Christ in worship-- Revelation 5:11-14
- Conforming to Christ in life-- Romans 12:1-2
- Caring for all people in Christ's name-- Matthew 25:40
- Calling all people to follow Christ-- Matthew 4:19

Defining our terms:

Cherishing-- "No one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of His body." Ephesians 5:29-30

Cherish--show _____ and tender love

Coming of Christ--Described in 1 Corinthians 15:50-52
Stated in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

The "hows" and "whens" can be debated but we _____.

Jesus is coming back and we need to be _____.

"You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." Matthew 24:44

- ◆ How do you daily strengthen your desire for the Lord's return?

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_____ in eternity.

(Living a life Christ can reward)

The _____ principle

"Where your _____ is, there your heart will be also."

Test of your _____ -- Colossians 1:18 (NIV)

"In _____ He might have the supremacy."

Finances

Interests

Relationships

Schedule

Talent

Beware of trying to be more _____ than Christ.

Beware of _____.

Beggar mentality-- Matthew 6:31

Retirement mentality-- Luke 12:13-21

Be _____ daily. 2 Corinthians 4:16

_____ that serving the Lord is worthwhile. 1 Cor. 15:58

- ◆ What does your life reveal that you truly treasure, value or believe?
- ◆ What core values do you live by?
- ◆ What priorities do you need to adjust to actively pursue Christ more?
- ◆ What step is the Lord asking you to take to grow in cherishing His coming? 2 Timothy 4:6-8

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Invest in eternity.

(Living a life Christ can reward)

The **treasure** principle

"Where your **treasure** is, there your heart will be also."

Test of your **treasure** -- Colossians 1:18 (NIV)

"In **everything** He might have the supremacy."

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Beware of trying to be more **spiritual** than Christ.

Beware of **covetousness**.

Beggar mentality-- Matthew 6:31

Retirement mentality-- Luke 12:13-21

Be **renewed** daily. 2 Corinthians 4:16

Believe that serving the Lord is worthwhile. 1 Corinthians 15:58

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