

HAVING THE ASSURANCE OF THE LORD

We live in a culture where insurance is highly desired.

The world offers insurance but the Lord offers assurance.

As Christians, we need to be living our lives with the **assurance of the Lord**.

If we don't have that assurance, we are going to be worried, stressed, or panicky.

We will waste a lot of time trying to protect what we have versus advancing the kingdom of God.

God does not want our **assurance** to work like **insurance**.

He does not want us to feel protected or secure because of the things that we have.

Our assurance must come from God and God alone.

If it doesn't, then when mayhem comes, our lives spin out of control and we stop doing what God called us to do.

We can continue to have God's assurance even through mayhem.

The "time of the Lord" is growing closer day by day.

Especially in these "last days," we must be operating in the assurance of the Lord, not loving our lives but giving our lives up for the one who gave His life for us.

He is the only one who is going to give us the peace, security and confidence that we need.

God allows people to feel a false sense of security if they are trusting in possessions instead of Him.

Eventually those people will be cut off like a head of grain.

It would be better to be insecure than to rest in a false sense of security.

At least if you were insecure, you would be watching.

If you have a false sense of security, you are going to be taken by surprise.

God does not want you to be surprised, He wants you to live with His assurance.

Without God's assurance, mayhem will take you off of His path.

Three keys to living with assurance:

1. Confidence and assurance starts with the blood of Jesus.

It's based on what He did not what you do.

We must approach God with an honest heart.

If your not honest with God you will have no assurance or confidence.

The enemy causes much mayhem through guilty consciences.

2. Serve well, both inside and outside of the church.

We need to serve the people around us.

Some people ask for help, but others don't know how to ask.

3. Live by the Spirit in every area of your life.

Are we living by the Spirit?

Are we spending time with the Lord?

Are we spending time in His word?

Are we spending time in prayer?

A word from the Lord, "Do not allow your assurance to come from the things of this world or I will take them away. Trust only in me."

SCRIPTURE LIST

Job 24:22-24

Hebrews 10:19-25

James 4:17

1 Timothy 3:8-13

2 Corinthians 5:1-5

Romans 8:13-17