

## *5-Steps to Prepare for the Last Days – Dale & Paula Black*

### **1. Strong spiritual commitment and lifestyle.**

Building a solid spiritual relationship with the Lord through spending time in God's Word and prayer, equips you for the coming tribulations. By bringing your lifestyle into agreement with what you read and learn about the Christian life, you will be better prepared to face the future.

It has been said, "If you don't believe in something, you'll fall for anything." It is true that you must have something trustworthy as your plumb line. If you do not have a core belief that is unshakable, you are left vulnerable for deception.

### **2. Know the Word of God so that you will not be deceived.**

In John 17:17 it says, "*Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*" Sanctify is a powerful Bible word. It means: to set apart to a sacred purpose or for religious use: To consecrate; and to free from sin: Purify. God's word accomplishes these wonderful things as we give it our time and attention.

### **3. Know the Spirit of God so you can recognize His guidance.**

Becoming better acquainted with the Holy Spirit is crucial in these last days. By His Spirit He leads His children and guides them into Truth. He protects and instructs us. The attributes of the Holy Spirit are crucial to tap into to safely maneuver through troubled times. Some great verses to look up about the Holy Spirit are: 1 Corinthians 2:10, John 14:26, and John 16:13.

### **4. Lastly, are you ready to give up your life for Jesus?**

Matthew 16:25-26 tells us: "*For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.*"<sup>26</sup> *For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"*

In the last days, many will fall away and give up their eternal soul rather than face hardship or death. Determine now, in your heart, that you will never trade your eternal well-being and promise of heaven, for anything in this temporary world—even if it means death.

### **5. Will you deny Him? Know the answers to these questions NOW.**

Just as the principle above, determine in your heart that you will never deny Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Begin to practice this principle now. If you are afraid or unwilling to confess Him now, before it costs you everything, then how will you be ready when there are severe consequences?

In Matthew 10:33 Jesus said, "*But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.*"

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