

Victory Connect Lesson
Get Ready, Get Ready, Get Ready!
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Key Passage: 1Co 9:24 NIV - Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

Introduction: Successful athletes strictly train their diet, rest, and exercise to compete for a crown that will not last. An undisciplined competitor cannot expect to win. Be ready, every second counts, we are training for a crown that will last forever. Prepare your life for new things, multiplication, revival, and His Return!

1. Be alert, we do not know the day Jesus will return.

Mat 24:42 NIV - Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Mat 24:36 NIV - But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

2. He will come when we are not expecting Him. Mat 24:44 NIV - So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

3. Five of ten virgins were not prepared for the return. (Read Matt 25:1-15). Mat 25:2-3 NIV - Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.

4. Jesus' disciples slept at the hour of prayer. Mat 26:40 NKJV - Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What? Could you not watch with Me one hour?"

5. We must wake ourselves from spiritual slumber. Eph 5:14 YLT - wherefore he saith, 'Arouse thyself, thou who art sleeping, and arise out of the dead, and the Christ shall shine upon thee.'

6. Elisha and his men prepared for the move of God. 2Ki 3:16, 20 NKJV - And he said, "Thus says the LORD: 'Make this valley full of ditches.' ... Now it happened in the morning, when the grain offering was offered, that suddenly water came by way of Edom, and the land was filled with water.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you live with a sense that time is running out?
2. What does the crown mean to you? (1Cor 9:25).
3. How do you stir yourself from spiritual slumber?

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