

## Emmanuel Prayer Needs

### Wellington Storehouse Food Bank

- Thankful for Leaders and volunteers of the food bank.
- Praise and thanks for faithful donors, service clubs, churches, businesses, stores, to keep the storehouse open and stocked.
- Pray for clients to be provided with food.
- Those struggling with finances to feed their families.
- Donations of money and food to exceed needs.
- May God's love and mercy be evident to all the workers and all the clients.

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### Study continued

7. Verse 12 says, "Above all..." Why does James say, 'above all,' Why is this so important? (Also read Matthew 5:33-37)

As Christians we have the Spirit of Truth within us (John 15:26-27, 16:13). God wants us to live a life that is characterised by truth. What would it mean in your life to make a commitment to truth - not just telling the truth, but to live the truth in every aspect of your life?

8. Are you ready for Jesus to come back? How will you live in light of the fact that Jesus is coming back?

# AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY

**A sermon series on the book of James**

*"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever."*

*1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*

## LIVING IN LIGHT OF THE LORD'S RETURN

**James 5:7-12**



  
**Christmas Eve**  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
**Christmas Carols. Special Music.**  
A heart-warming reminder of what the Christmas season is all about.  
Thanks to popular demand this year will feature two services.  
**4:30pm | 6:30pm**



## LIVING IN LIGHT OF THE LORD'S RETURN James 5:7-12

Acts 1:11 This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, \_\_\_\_\_  
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James 5:7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until...

Character qualities on how we should live in light of Jesus' return:

**HAVE AN \_\_\_\_\_ OUTLOOK** (James 5:7-8)

v.7 Be \_\_\_\_\_

Example of farmers:

v.8 Stand \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 3:1-2

**HAVE A \_\_\_\_\_ SPIRIT** (James 5:9)

Why shouldn't we 'grumble' against others?

2 Cor 5:10

Forgiveness is a \_\_\_\_\_ we make (Col 3:13, Eph 4:32)

is a \_\_\_\_\_ we work through (Matt 6:14-15)

and an \_\_\_\_\_ we have towards others (Matt 18:21-22)

\_\_\_\_\_ **THROUGH TRIALS** (James 5:10-11)

Example of the prophets:

Example of Job (Job 13:15)

Hebrews 12:1-2

**LIVE A LIFE OF \_\_\_\_\_** (James 5:12)

Why does James say "above all?"

Matthew 12:36

The King is coming. Are you ready?

How then will you live?

1. How aware are you of Jesus coming back? Would you say that it is important to your everyday life?

2. Read Acts 1:10-11; Mt 24:40-42; 2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:4-5. What do you see in common in these passages? Assuming that you believe this to be true, how would you say that we are to live in light of His return?

3. Read James 5:7-8. James gives four character qualities that should be present in a person who is waiting for the Lord's return. The first is that we should have a long term/eternal outlook on life. James uses the example of a farmer. Why is the farmer patient?

How does a long term outlook change the way we view daily life?

4. In James 5:9, James tells us not to grumble against one another. What reason does James give? (Also read 2 Cor 5:10). Explain.

Why is grumbling against one another so bad?

5. Pastor Peter said that forgiveness is a decision we make, a process we work through and an attitude that we have towards others. (See notes opposite) Explain each of these three aspects of forgiveness.

6. In James 5:10-11 James talks about persevering through trials. He uses the examples of prophets and Job. What do we learn from their perseverance?

What is the significance of James saying, "The Lord is full of compassion and mercy," with regards to persevering in the face of suffering?