

# **What Does It Matter?**

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Series: *Knowing Tomorrow—Living Today*

Allowing God's Plan to Shape my Day!

*“After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven!  
And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said,  
“Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”  
At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne.”  
Revelation 4:1–2 ESV*

*“He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”  
Revelation 22:20 ESV*

## **I. My Challenge: To Live \_\_\_\_\_ For Jesus**

**The \_\_\_\_\_ of Gospel**

*“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,”*

*Titus 2:11 ESV*

(Also: 1 Timothy 2:5-6)

**My \_\_\_\_\_ (Personal Responsibility) for Spiritual Development**

*“training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and  
godly lives in the present age,”*

*Titus 2:12 ESV*

(Also: Romans 6:1-3)

*“Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil,  
and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own  
desire.”*

*James 1:13–14 ESV*

(Also: Psalm 1:3; Jeremiah 17:8; Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:9-10)

**My \_\_\_\_\_ in Difficult Times**

*“waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,”*

*Titus 2:13 ESV*

*“For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the  
coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend  
from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet  
of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up  
together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.”*

*1 Thessalonians 4:15–17 ESV*

*“Therefore encourage one another with these words.”*

*1 Thessalonians 4:18 ESV*

## My \_\_\_\_\_ for Each Day

*“who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.”* Titus 2:14 ESV

## IU. What Does It Matter if I Get the End Times Right?

1. God Wants \_\_\_\_\_ to Know What is Coming
2. It Gives Me \_\_\_\_\_ Especially at Difficult Times
3. It Motivates Me To \_\_\_\_\_ for My Spiritual Growth
4. It Motivates Me To \_\_\_\_\_ in Daily Ministry
5. It Drives \_\_\_\_\_ in Eternity

*“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.”* 2 Corinthians 5:10 ESV

(Also: 1 Corinthians 3:12–15; Matthew 6:19-20)

### Five Crowns

#### • **I** \_\_\_\_\_ Crown

*“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.”* 1 Corinthians 9:24–25 ESV

#### • **Crown of** \_\_\_\_\_

*“Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.”* 2 Timothy 4:8 ESV

#### • **Crown of L** \_\_\_\_\_

*“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”* James 1:12 ESV

(Also: Revelation 2:10)

#### • **Crown of R** \_\_\_\_\_

*“For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you?”* 1 Thessalonians 2:19 ESV

#### • **Crown of G** \_\_\_\_\_

*“And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”* 1 Peter 5:4 ESV

*“the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.””* Revelation 4:10–11 ESV

## Will I Let God’s Plan Transform Me?

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Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”*  
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