



1. Decrease _____ (vv.34-35)

Luke 21:34 “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.
35 For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth.
36 But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”
37 And every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet.
38 And early in the morning all the people came to him in the temple to hear him.
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2. Intensify _____ (v.36)

3. Increase _____ (vv.37-38)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **James 4:4-10**. Why do you think passages like this are so often overlooked by Christians today? What kind of self-evaluation is needed to discern whether your life does or does not require the instructions in this passage?
2. Read **2 Corinthians 6:12 – 7:1**. What are some of the accommodations you have made (or are tempted to make) to the world's values and priorities that can keep you from being as close to God in your daily life as you know you could and should be?
3. Read **Psalms 86:1-7**. What motivation and encouragement for prayer do you gain from this passage?
4. Read **Mark 1:35**. What specific steps will you take this week to increase your focused, concentrated and uninterrupted prayer appointments with God?
5. Read **Psalms 1:1-3**. What is the difference between the days which begin with time in the Scriptures and those days in which your Bible is entirely neglected?

<i>This Week's Bible Reading Schedule</i>
May 20th 1Chr. 1-2 & Jn. 7:32-53
May 21st 1Chr. 3-5 & Jn. 8:1-20
May 22nd 1Chr. 6-7 & Jn. 8:21-36
May 23rd 1Chr. 8-10 & Jn. 8:37-59
May 24th 1Chr. 11-13 & Jn. 9:1-23
May 25th 1Chr. 14-16 & Jn. 9:24-41
May 26th 1Chr. 17-19 & Jn. 10:1-21
May 27th 1Chr. 20-22 & Jn. 10:22-42

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 14-21 – **The Chronic Noise of Worldliness**
Msg. 11-15 – **Making the Most of Daily Bible Study**
Msg. 11-16 – **How to Pray and Making Sure We Do**
Msg. 16-25 – **Worldly Religion & Godly Priorities**
Msg. 11-29 – **Prayerfully Reliant & Highly Committed Participants**
Msg. 11-22 – 11-24 – **Pursuing Holiness** (a three-part series)
Msg. 15-15 – 15-20 – **Christ's School of Prayer** (a six-part series on prayer)

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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