**Jesus Is Coming – So Look Busy!**

**Reading- Matthew 25:1-13**

**Song: Jesus Is Coming Soon**

**Looking** busy is not the same as **being** busy. ***(John 9:4) "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.***

***1 Corinthians 3:3) for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?;***

The Pharisees were always religious, or at least seemed to be, and yet Jesus calls them hypocrites. The original meaning of the word hypocrite is a stage actor. ***(Matthew 7:3-5) "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? {4} "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? {5} "Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.***

***Revelation 2:10*** ***Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.***

**The Boss is coming.**

Can we hide what we’re doing at the workplace from “The Boss”? ***(Ephesians 6:5) Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; (Colossians 3:22) Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.***

Aren’t we obligated to do the best we can each and every day? ***(Matthew 5:14) "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.***

**The Scriptures say that indeed the Lord is Coming!**

***(1 Thessalonians 5:2-11) For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. {3} For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. {4} But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. {5} You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. {6} Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. {7} For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. {8} But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. {9} For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, {10} who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. {11} Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.***

***(1 Peter 4:7) But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.***

***(2 Peter 3:8-11) But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. {9} The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. {10} But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. {11} Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,***

***1 Peter 4:1-5) Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, [2] that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. [3] For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. [4] In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. [5] They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.***