

- Introduction: Jesus gave us 4 warnings:
  - 1. The Love of many will grow cold (Matt. 24:12)
  - 2. Before the end comes, there will be a great falling away from the faith. (2 Thess.2:3)
  - 3. Christians will become Lukewarm, so much so, I will want to spit them out of my mouth. (Rev. 3:16)
  - 4. When I return, will I find faith on the earth? (Luke 18:8)

But as we have been discussing...we do not have to go down like that! We do not have to be victims of Satan's traps!

## Text: 1 Peter 5:8; Romans 8:18; Matthew 24:31

### **Outline:**

### I. Growing

#### A. Called to Grow...

- → We are not called to grow a fortune here. We are called to grow a treasure in heaven.
- → We are not called to grow comfortable here... We are called to grow content in what God has promised to provide: physically... to trust the Lord!

### B. Check your Calling!

 $\rightarrow$  Understanding that we are not called to grow more worldly or more comfortable here: We are called to become more Holy, which WILL make you less comfortable here:

# II. Living as Citizens – Where?A. Our Appetite will Reflect:

- B. Our Citizenship will be revealed:
- C. At Home In His Presence Here.

**1 Peter 5:8** "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

Do not fall prey to the Devil's traps! Do not let satan and his devils devour you and trick you and brain wash you to the world's way of thinking!

#### Romans 8:18

- III. The Benefit of Staying Alert!
  - A. "Count the Ways". Friendship with the Creator! Forgiven, Whole, Healed, Fulfilled, Rewarded, Mercy, Grace.

Matthew 24:31 (NLT)

**Blow the Trumpet!** 

B. God will take us to Heaven to be with Him Forever!