

**Living in Light of Christ's Return  
Eliminate Complacency – Be Involved!  
2 Thessalonians 3:1-15 (page 822)**

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**I am reminded that *living in light of Christ's return* means (3:1-5):**

**I am to pray**

- For the spread of the gospel (v 1)
- For protection from those who oppose the message (v 2)

**I am to be confident**

- That God will strengthen and protect me (v 3-5)

**Living in *light of Christ's return* means I am to (3:6-15):**

- Live out my faith according to God's truth (v 6)
- Follow the example of mature believers (vs 7-10)
- Be involved for my benefit and for the benefit of others (vs 11-13)
- Care enough to confront those who refuse to obey (v 14-15)

**The biblical principle: Contribute to the work of God and the life of the community!**

**I contribute to God's work and the lives of others through my:**

- Worship
- Service
- Stewardship
- Investing in others

**Self-examination...**

Am I living in anticipation of the coming of the Lord? In what way(s)?

In what way(s) am I involved in the local church body? If I am not involved, what step can I take this week to become more involved?

How committed am I to *worship*? How can I start to grow in this area?

How committed am I to *servicing*? How can I start to grow in this area?

How committed am I to *stewardship*? How can I start to grow in this area?

How committed am I to *investing in others*? How can I start to grow in this area?