

## November 4 Answers

- 1) Jesus' revelation of the future was given to motivate us to live holy, godly lives in the **present**. His first command—Stay **awake!**—teaches us that the cares of this life have a way of **weighing** down our hearts (Luke 21:34). If we're not careful, we can become **entangled** in fleshly pursuits, and that day will come on us suddenly like a trap. We need to be sober and **vigilant**, praying for strength to follow God's commands. His second command—Be **faithful!**—reminds us of the importance of being a faithful **steward** of the gifts, talents and skills that God has given us. We need to live each day as though Jesus' coming was **imminent**. His last command—Prepare for **judgment!**—impresses on us the necessity of living a **righteous** life. It's not enough to claim a right relationship with God. We must be active in the work of the Kingdom, **servicing** and ministering to those who are in need. If we ignore the hungry, the sick, and the imprisoned, we will discover to our shame that we ignored our **Lord** and **Savior**, Jesus Christ.