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Called the "fastest hour in radio", **Red Letter Edition - WEEKDAYS!** makes short work of understanding the Bible. You'll be constantly challenged to verify your beliefs in a way that will ultimately result in a living and lasting relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Growing up in a Pentecostal environment pretty much imprinted my brain with "holiness." All of my growing years were doused with weekly Scripture concoctions delineating how good life would be if I were holy – and how bad life would be if I wasn't!

Men considered to be spiritual or holy were somber and somewhat unreal to me. Their lives did not appear joyous or even slightly happy. Religion seemed to be about who was right and who was wrong – and everyone I met gave the appearance of knowing exactly who was who!

Alcohol emerged as the principal evil of my youth. The kids were sneaking Dad's liquor, the adults were frequenting the bars, and beer was sold in cans that required a device (blasphemously called a *church key!*) to open. Booze was streaming and churches were screaming!

Having only freshly joined the century whose rebellion and victory against prohibition was now being supplanted by tea-totaling preachers such as Billy Sunday, alcohol made a pretty deep imprint in my head. (It is a shame that *alcohol* and not *intoxication* was made the culprit. Maybe I wouldn't have thought that marijuana was okay.)

I don't like the word *intoxication*. It sounds too much like we have poi-

soned ourselves. Perhaps this is true, but what is the sin? Isn't it actually in **UNAWARENESS?**

How 'bout a dose of red ink?

Luke 21:34, "*And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.*"

Jesus didn't mention the intoxicant or its physical consequences. He mentioned the *effect* on the consumer's *awareness*. Food, drugs and alcohol carry us away; and many of us who have grown up in homes like mine where alcohol was abhorred might have learned to **eat** themselves into a stupor every bit as incapacitating as **drink** ever was!

Whether cannabiniol, alcohol, or a pan full of chocolate brownies, we sacrifice *sobriety* and *awareness* when we deaden our heads from indulgences. Minus sobriety we may (Jesus said) experience first hand the dreaded Day of the Lord come upon us – and not even realize what happened!

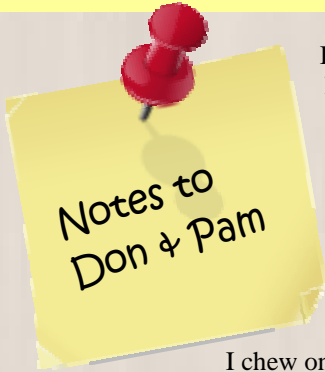
The twentieth-century afforded us a new (and acceptable) form of stupor. Even the church has come on board with this one.

Since the advent of the cathode-ray tube in the early 1900's, we have been perfecting this newest time-sink. A brightly lit screen sits in front of nearly every individual (I use the term individual advisedly).

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I can't begin to tell you how much I enjoy your Red Letter Edition Weekly program....enjoy may be too strong a word....perhaps challenged by is more appropriate! Seriously, I always come away with at least one "nugget" that

I chew on all day and erase a little more of my wrong thinking, I had lunch with two friends the other day and heard some things come out of my mouth that I had not intended on saying but when the questions were asked I didn't have to think before I answered - truth came out and it was so awesome. Both women called me later and thanked me for my honesty and said they are thinking. I am not a shy person by any means, and have freely shared my thoughts in the past....but now I am in a place of listening to the Lord rather than giving my "opinion". So when this incident happened, I knew it came from a heart of love and conviction rather than "dogma and bad doctrine". Anyway, God is changing me a little more each day....things are fitting together in my spirit so much better and I have a hunger for Truth that I never had before - it is so different to hunger for truth as opposed to hungering for knowledge...I am honored to have a small part in what God is doing through you! Let the fire in your soul "burn baby, burn". (NM)

Don, thanks for your explanations of the Bible and the website. We first saw you both on CDs, God's Learning channel and he really got our attention. At first we didn't know what to think of him.

He was the first person who seemed so sure of what he was saying and some of it was completely different from what we had been told. He explains everything so plainly that we had to agree with everything he was saying. We were Baptists for a long time and we had to rethink everything we had been told by our pastors. Have really enjoyed his books and CD's. God bless you both! (CA)

I am so thankful for you and what you are doing what you are doing in the morning. What I am learning (and getting to know the friends on the chats) is great. I look forward to it every morning, Thank you again...(NM)

...thanks again for your loyalty to God's truth, your encouragement to us, and facing the status quo with a sharp and convincing message. Love (ALBERTA, CANADA)

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Who knows how many hours are spent in front of televisions, computers, phones and other game devices? Every hour takes us further and further away from the unpleasantness of reality.

What about those who have learned to busy themselves with "good" activities such as church-going and the social life surrounding it? *The very same result* will come to those attending a Gospel sing this weekend as those going to the night spots and gambling casinos. They are escaping the same things—Messiah called them the *"...cares of this life."*

People resent their parents and don't know why. Their children won't call and they are oblivious, debts can't be paid, and there is still no control over spending. Almost everyone fears death and wonders about their eternal destiny; but, when they look inside themselves there are no answers. (Won't it be a shame to find that all of the answers we sought for our entire lives were waiting for years in the quiet corner of our lives?)

Jesus warned us about the end times coming on the earth. He told us there were several things we need to know in order to make sure we are not deceived. He also said there are **three things**, in particular, that will assure we will miss the signs of the end. Do you know what they are? Here are they are in red ink:

Luke 21:31-36, "So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. ... And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

Messiah here warns of impending doom that will catch many of us unaware. He gave us this list of things to avoid. **HEAR** what He is saying and do not let His warnings go unheeded. Avoid the temptation to use food for more than sustenance. As with wine, moderate intake of food has many benefits, but its overuse causes

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I have been going through the CDs ["Last Things" and "Surviving the End"] and it's been wonderful. It's not interesting knowing that there is trouble! The Lord, just as He always does, will lead me through. Thank you once again. (LAGOS, NIGERIA)

I have been receiving many DVD's from TRI and I just want to say thank you so much. They are so good and really make me look and question so many things I have been taught... Thank you and God bless! In Christ, (TX)

Don, I am excited to find you... Just heard you first time 3 days ago, when I met a couple I know in a cafe and they brought me a DVD. I love what I have heard so far. From that I got on line last night, and couldn't wait to get back on this morning. It is refreshing to hear truth again. I know it doesn't win many friends, but the ones you do win are probably more loyal... I will be listening. Thanks, (NEW - TX)

I'm a bit speechless after the running of today's mail. I received 2 packages both containing wonderful materials to read and watch. I cannot wait to learn more from your ministry. Not many are preaching the meaty truth as I have heard from you these past days. Thank you again in Christ, (NEW - AR)

I came across your ministry on the web and clicked on your link. My wife and I are on a journey toward Messianic Christianity we would like to hear/read about your journey. We have experienced the difficulties associated with ministry to the poor from inside a 'church' framework and are not impressed as the ministry is compromised by legalism and tradition. If you are able to do this we would be most happy. (NEW - UNKNOWN)

Thank you so much for how you have allowed Yahweh to use you to speak things I've never understood before. Blessings. (NEW - GA)

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GIVING ME "SURVIVING THE END". IT WAS A COMPLETE SURPRISE. I DON'T REMEMBER ORDERING IT, MAYBE I DID, BUT WHAT A BLESSING. TOTAL BLESSING. VERY PROFOUND MESSAGE. I REALLY NEED TO FORGIVE MY HUSBAND EVERY DAY. PLEASE KEEP ME AND MY HUSBAND IN PRAYER. THANKS AGAIN LOVE, (CT)

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our ears to close, our eyes to dim, and retards our understanding to the point of allowing danger into our life.

Food, drink, (surfeiting and drunkenness) and the general busyness of life should all be handled with the same caution and fear.



Next Exit - Meditation

When we get this right – when we are able to see *ALL the indulgences of life* as embarrassingly as the fat rolls under our shirts – when we learn to be as ashamed of a Rolex just as we would be of bloodshot eyes the day after a visit with John Barleycorn, perhaps we are about to sober up and are on the way to recovery.

When we learn that the fruit of **ambition** is the **cares** of this world; and the **drunkenness of escape** is stupid behavior (whether obtained through *medication, inebriation, or occupation*); and a **body** over-taxed with the job of digesting two days worth of food every single day are **all the same problem in a different wrapper** ; *when we realize that any one of these*

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things can cause the thick and dull state of mind (the same mind with which you struggle to understand the things of YHVH) the baubles will be removed, we will push away from the table, and will think twice before seeking an escape.

In place of these things, we will embrace reality and simplicity. Substance will rise above symbolism and *truth* will reign over all.

Finally, **we will learn how to accomplish what the Red Ink emphasizes,**
"Take heed to yourselves".

