

PREPARATION

A NEGLECTED PRIORITY

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getting ready

obedient and deliberate

Luke 12:47 (NIV) "The servant who knows the master's will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows."

- know His will
- get ready
- do His will

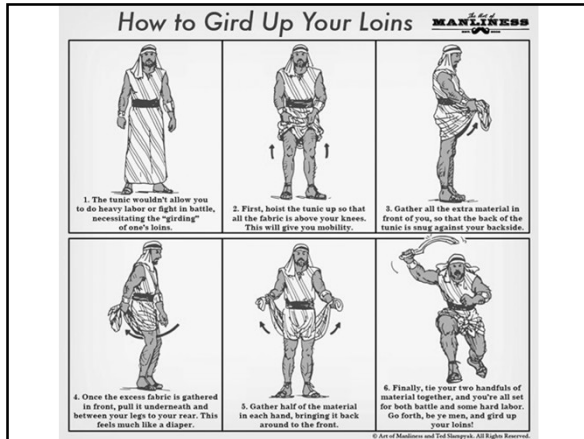
gird up your loins

preparing your minds for actions

1 Peter 1:13-16 (NKJV) "Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

(ESV) Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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and fully present



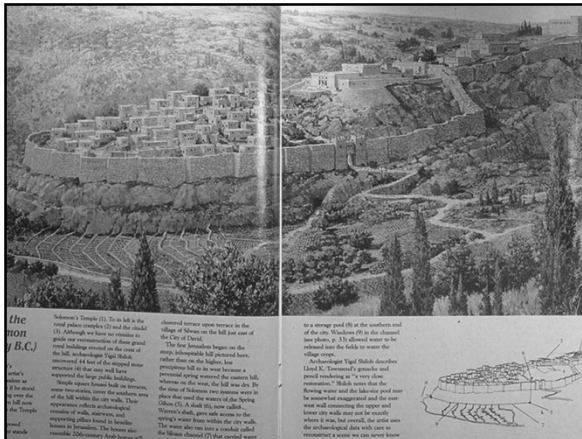
discipleship
gospel transformation in community for witness and worship

preparation upwards
psalms of ascent

ascent:
a climb or walk to the summit of a mountain or hill;
climb, rise, to ascend

Psalms 120 – 134

Picture of pilgrimage to go and worship at the temple in Jerusalem for their three . They used to sing these. Mental and heart preparation to worship God together with other.



preparation upwards
time with God

Basic disciplines of a healthy disciple:

- intimacy with God;
 - > worship
 - > reading scripture
 - > praying
- intimacy with God leads to:
 - > knowing His will
 - > preparing to do His will
 - > doing His will

preparation inwards
intentional godly community

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV) And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

conclusion

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