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Well, it's stewardship, it is true, but we don't look forward to it except with a of love, as He would want us to look forward to it, so we can purify ourselves for His coming. I am wondering, since you haven't mentioned it, about the exegesis of that verse where Peter asked the Lord, "Speakest thou this parable unto us or even to all?" I have taken that to mean that Peter is asking, "Are you saying this to us who are apostles or to all the disciples?" I doubt if Peter had in mind, had any knowledge that the Church, the body of believers, would go on for hundreds of years, but he knew that there were many people around here and here were chosen people, and he said, "Now, are you talking to us leaders, to be watchful, or are you telling the whole multitude to be?" and the Lord answered. It is plain that that is what Peter meant, because in the answer the Lord talked about stewardship: "Faithful and wise—who then is that faithful and wise steward?" and then he made it to mean that—"you are stewards, you'd better be watchful and anyone else who is a steward must be watchful." Dr. MacRae--It applies right to Peter, then. It isn't something that merely applies to people two thousand years later. Mr. Sit--It applies to Peter and to all others who have stewardship

. Now the time element is not in there at all. Dr. MacRae--Well, at least it includes Peter, so the time element is not right there. We don't know.

I think, is a very good one that we have these three other motives for Christian living. We don't need this fourth. Love for Christ, who is coming back, is enough. We don't need it. But we do have it stated seven or eight times. "Watch, for ye know not the day nor the hour when He cometh." What is the point of it? Why wouldn't He just as well say, "Watch, because the Lord is coming back. He is coming back after quite a period but there is lots of work for you to do first." What does the ignorance of the time add to it? If there isn't, if we are to know Him? We don't need the motive. We should not do. We need a lot more of it, most of us. But we shouldn't.

We have others that should be absolutely

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