

DIDN'T SEE IT COMING

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Sometimes things happen in our lives we never see coming and yet, those things can lead to some of our greatest blessings.
- B. When the Corona virus first caused us to shut down, it was all doom and gloom. However, through this pandemic, some things have happened that I never saw coming.
- C. Let's discuss three hidden blessings that have come from this slow down and isolation.

THE HOME IS IMPORTANT AGAIN

- A. Before this virus caused our world to slow down, many of us were too busy at the expense of our families.
- B. God has placed a great deal of importance upon the home and our family unit.
 - 1. Husbands & wives are called to become one and to love each other above oneself (Eph. 5:22-33).
 - 2. Parents are to bring their children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Duet. 6:7; Eph. 6:4).
 - 3. Children are to obey, honor and respect their parents (Eph. 6:1-3).
- C. We are spending more time than ever before with our families and much good can come from that.

SPIRITUAL FOCUS IS IMPORTANT AGAIN

- A. People are praying like never before. This virus has brought many to their knees in prayer (2 Chron. 20:12).
- B. People whose Bibles were once closed are opening God's Word. Bible study opportunities are almost limitless (Psa. 119:97, 103). Evangelism has once again become a cornerstone of teaching (Acts 1:8; 2 Tim. 2:2).
- C. People are less consumed with self and more concerned about others (Gal. 6:2; Matt. 22:36-40).

ETERNITY IS IMPORTANT AGAIN

- A. We have been reminded our lives are but a vapor that only appear for a short time (Jam. 4:14; Heb. 9:27).
- B. While we may know that the end is coming, we do not know when the end is coming. Will we be ready?
 - 1. Teach us to number our days (Psa. 90:12).
 - 2. The Day of the Lord will come at an hour we do not expect (Lk. 12:40; I Thess. 5:2).
- C. If you are not ready for eternity right now, then do whatever you need to do in order to be ready.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Sometimes the things we never saw coming end up bringing about some of our greatest blessings.
- B. While we may feel helpless right now, we must remember that we are not hopeless.
- C. In the midst of these difficult times, let's not forget the many blessings we enjoy as children of God.