Some Random Thoughts …

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I, personally, have unpublished docs that represent *free writing* on my computers. While these typically end up being *drafts* of eventual blogs and/or articles which we, in most cases, eventually publish, in this article I'd simply like to express these *brainstorm ideas* without waiting to publish them in a more formal manner. Please consider the 4 ideas below as drafts which need further refinement. Please extend a little grace. Thank you.

1. Our Lord's call to have food for our households is tied to adequate end-time preparation. In CONTEXT, one can't deny the strength of the argument that "oil for our lamps" (in Mt. 25) is tied to being rightly prepared, materially. Beware of those who falsely attribute the Holy Spirit to 'oil for our lamps.' Our Lord's teaching **in this parable** does NOT allow for this interpretation (namely, that the Spirit is symbolized by the oil). Yes, other Bible passages point to this BUT NOT this Mt. 25 parable. Some thoughts to consider:

   Applications of the importance of the Spirit's role in our lives during these end of days could (and should) be offered BUT textually, "oil" in the Mt. 25 passage does NOT symbolize the Holy Spirit. For clear evidence in support of our warning, simply substitute the Holy Spirit for oil (or when oil is implied) in the passage. Consider the following theological problems directly tied to the teaching the oil of Mt. 25 is the Spirit of God:

   1. The *oil* does not run dry. We don't *run out of* the Spirit;
   2. We cannot go to other believers to get some more Spirit;
   3. We cannot go to the worldly market to buy some more Spirit.

   Those who teach this fallacy need to consider the faulty theology of what they are proposing in addition to the incorrect ramifications of their appeals.

2. More and more are using our appeals, even Pre-Tribulationalists. It seems God has called us (Endurance Ministries) to continue in prophetic ministry but, for now, **predominately in the back ground**. It seems He will use others to be more public in sharing our counsel … in sharing His Counsel. God be praised.

3. Our **Handout 100** * offers the **reason to be dogmatic** about refusing the Mark of the Beast. The teaching of Rev. 13 & 14 is clear BUT false teachers cloud the issue and give wrong interpretive advice about the matter. Here's where the justified DOGMA emerges: Having addressed the uncertainty of the opponents' appeals, we are wise when we take the SAFE path and refuse the mark, for if the *'it's okay to take the mark' heralds* end up being WRONG, then there's eternal Lake of Fire in store for those – even Christians – who take the mark. This is a pertinent issue today!
   * www.TruthFoundations.org/Handout%20100.pdf

4. If you think the Church is the "restrainer" of II Thes. 2, please consider this: [This topic is also addressed here**:** **CB8B26** **] We are living in the most ungodly, wicked, lawless days in human history. NEVER before have we seen the depravity we see today – marriage redefined, gender perversion, sexual immorality, satan worship, etc. But the Church is still here. IF – which we totally deny – the Church is the "restrainer" of evil, (againt, see II Thes. 2) it is doing a **horrific** job. God is the Restrainer ('he,' 'He'). This in no way mandates that His presence, in general, is gone. It simply means God has retracted His restraining (of evil) influence. We believe He has done so in order to allow evil to run its course. There are other *grand* reasons to let wickedness run its course. Consider the ETERNAL SETTING. Our *'human project' moment* will provide great incentive – through eternity! – to honor God as He deserves to be honored. No more shameful rebellion. "Hallowed be Thy name!" ** www.FinalTrumpet.online/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/CB8B26.pdf