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"Being curious about Christ second coming is one thing, being ready for it is another, writes A,W. Tozer. "I cannot think of even one passage in the New Testament which speaks of Christ's revelation, manifestation, appearing or coming that is not directly linked with moral conduct, faith and spiritual holiness. The teacher who engages in speculation to excite the curiosity of his hearers without providing them with a moral application is sinning even as he speaks."

I'm much in agreement with this statement of Tozer's. It shouldn't surprise us that one of the reasons we are to live in a right way before the Lord's return, is so that we can pray with greater power and effectiveness in these critical days. The Apostle Peter said it this way: "The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray" (1 Peter 4:7).

The events and trends of our day have many Christians wondering if we are living in the last days. Unfortunately, the response of many is to worry and live in fear. The godly response is to pray. As we look forward to the Lord's return, whenever that might be, we must live the kind of lives that allow us to replace fear with intercession that will release the Lord's power and purposes into our needy world.

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