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<sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad." 2 Corinthians 5:10

It is sad that over 1 and a half years of Covid-19 we continue to watch the number of death cases rise in our country and around the world. Some people who were unvaccinated have been infected by the Delta Variant have said, "I should have received the vaccine earlier. Sadly, for many, it was too late. I wonder how many people would have lived their lives differently if they knew their time on earth was limited.

The first century disciples asked Jesus, "**What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?**" (Matthew 24:3). In the midst of his teaching, Jesus replied, "**Keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come**" (Matthew 24:42). In a way, Jesus urges his followers to "seize the day" because no one knows when he will return. But we do know that each of us will come face-to-face with Jesus and give an account of how we have lived for him. Each of us in large measure determines how that encounter will go. Jesus wants us to be ready no matter when he returns because we must all appear before him to give an account of our lives.

**Thought For Today**, reflect upon the question, "Am I ready?" How would I live my life differently if I knew that I had a day, a month, a year left to live?

**Today's prayer focus:** Continue to pray for those who are sick and in need of God's strengthening touch. Remember those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Deo Volente