

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Feeling Chipper"

We like to spend a few minutes each Sunday talking about trends and Bible prophecy.

Christians who are critical, even sarcastic, about emphasizing prophecy argue that it's study has only negative effects on your walk with the Lord.

Not according to the apostle Peter. He spent a great deal of time in his second letter discussing things to come. Then he asked, "what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God" (3:11-12).

The apostle Paul wrote extensively about the resurrection and rapture of the church in his first letter to the Thessalonians. Then he told them to "comfort one another with these words."

Personal holiness and comfort are just two of the spiritual by-products of studying Bible prophecy.

There are approximately 500 yet-to-be-fulfilled prophecies. Knowing what they say, we expect to see certain trends in the world. We're not saying these trends are the fulfillment of prophecy - only that things seem to be unfolding just as you'd expect.

The Bible seems to indicate that there will exist a cashless system of commerce. It will involve what is called a 'mark' that is *in* or *on* a person's hand or forehead.

Some suggest it will involve an implanted microchip. Maybe; maybe not. There IS definitely a trend in that direction.

CNBC.com posted a story titled, *Wisconsin company known for microchipping employees plans GPS tracking chip for dementia patients.*

Excerpts:

A Wisconsin-based technology company famous for microchipping willing employees plans to debut a microchip with GPS technology and voice recognition that will be powered by body heat, Three Square Market CEO Todd Westby announced on Wednesday.

Three Square Market provides self-service kiosks to office break rooms across the U.S. and abroad, but the technology company made headlines last July when it announced it would cover the costs of microchip implants for its employees. A little over a year later, Westby says 92 out of 196 of the company's employees have been chipped.

"The vast majority of our employees absolutely love the conveniences that having this chip in their hand really brings to them," Westby said.

Inspired by the chips it implanted in its employees, the company decided to develop a more advanced chip.

"It's not only GPS, it's not only voice activation, it's working on monitoring your vital signs. And there are different medical institutions that obviously want that," said Patrick McMullan, president of Three Square Market and chip technology business Three Square Chip. "It's going to tell my... doctor's office I have an issue."

McMullan said the company has had requests for "a bunch of other stuff," such as tracking people, but he said the most practical and worthy application of the technology is for patients suffering from Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

"Without question it's a worthy cause, and it's a product in demand," McMullan said.

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/08/22/three-square-market-plans-gps-chip-dementia-patients.html>

Reading the Bible from a literal, futurist perspective - this is exactly the kind of trend you'd expect.

You'd mostly expect that Jesus could return at any moment.

Jesus promised He'd return to rapture His church - which entails the resurrection of the dead in Christ of the Church Age, then the translation from earth to Heaven of all living believers.

It is presented in the Bible as an imminent (any-moment) event.

Are you ready for the rapture? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up. *Ready or not, Jesus is coming!*