A Little Sleep, A Little Slumber

The Bible says in Proverbs Chapter 6:9-12

- 9 How long wilt thou sleep, **O sluggard**? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?
- 10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
- 11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.
- 12 A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a <u>froward mouth</u>.
- 13 He <u>winketh</u> with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;
- 14 <u>Frowardness</u> is in his heart, he deviseth <u>mischief continually</u>; he <u>soweth</u> discord.
- 15 **Therefore** shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.

Proverbs 24:30-33 Says it like this:

- 30 I went by the field of the **slothful**, and by the vineyard of the man <u>void of understanding</u>;
- 31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

A Nettle is a plant having jagged leaves covered with stinging hairs.

- 32 Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.
- 33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
- 34 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.

Church we don't want to be caught Asleep!!

We look around at <u>our World today</u>, and we see the signs of His coming!! And <u>we look around</u> and <u>we see that our families and our friends still need</u>
Salvation. We see that <u>our Nation</u> has become a Nation of Abominations.

Every where we look, the stench of Sin is rising up to Heaven <u>before the nostrils</u> of our God. We see <u>so called</u> Homosexual marriages. We see a Nation of people that are acceptant of their behavior and in many cases standing along side of them, <u>protesting with them</u> to help them achieve their goal. We see <u>our Retail</u>

Store Outlets taking Christ out of Christmas and replacing Him with silly Holiday

<u>Slogans</u>. <u>Every where we look</u> in our World we see **the March of the Anti-Christ spirit**. As they proudly declare, <u>We want Christianity erased from History</u>.

Luke 17:26-30 says it like this...

- 26 And as it was in the <u>days of Noe</u>, so shall it be also <u>in the days of the Son of</u> man.
- 27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and **destroyed** them all.
- 28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;
- 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it <u>rained fire and brimstone from</u> heaven, and **destroyed them all**.
- 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

Church, Where is your Burden for the Lost? Where is your desire to see one saved? Have you become so Sleepy in this world of filth that you no longer care about the Lost?

The wicked man is saying, what we see in II Peter 3:3-7

- 3 Knowing this first, that <u>there shall come in the last days scoffers</u>, <u>walking after their own lusts</u>,
- 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.
- 5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:
- 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:
- 7 But the <u>heavens and the earth, which are now</u>, **by the same word** are kept in store, <u>reserved unto fire</u> against the day of judgment and perdition of <u>ungodly men</u>.

These SIX things DOTH the LORD HATE: yea, seven are an ABOMINATION unto HIM:

In Proverbs 6

- 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
- 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,
- 19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and <u>he that soweth discord among brethren</u>.

<u>A Proud look</u>: Are you arrogant? Are you Stuck up? Do you have a haughty spirit?

<u>A Lying Tongue</u>: Do you say one thing and in your heart another? Do you speak deceit to spare yourself of troubles? Do you think white lies are not lies?

<u>Hands that Shed innocent blood</u>: Are you killing someone just because of their ethnic background? Having abortions? Are you slaying your brother because of his Beliefs?

<u>Heart of Wicked Imaginations</u>: Do you allow yourself to fantasize on causing harm to others? Do you allow yourself to imagine lustful desires? Do you imagine what life would be like if there wasn't a God?

<u>Feet swiftly running to Mischief</u>: Are you quickly running to watch a fight at School? Are you running to be with the in crowd while they make hurtful jokes toward others? Are you running to make sure you get to take your best shot out on another fellow man, since everyone else is doing it?

<u>A false witness speaking lies:</u> Do you speak lies against another because they have offended you? Are you making up lies to purposely see another person get punished? Are you speaking lies against another because you don't want to tell on your lying friends?

<u>He that sows Discord among Brethern</u>: Are you starting rumors at Church? Are you gossiping on the telephone of what you saw Brother Bobby or Sister Suzie doing last week? Are you back biting or stabbing your fellow man because you will not offer up Forgiveness for something that they had done to you?

Church, Are you doing one of these sins that God hates? If so REPENT. Do you see our Nation doing any of these things that God Hates? Then Why, are you not speaking out against them and showing them the error of their ways? Are you not the salt of the Earth? Are we not the Light of the World. How then, do you expect them to know their own way?

Romans 13:8-14 Reminds us How we should be Living

8 Owe no man any thing, but to <u>love one another</u>: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

- 9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself**.
- 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.
- 11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.
- 12 The <u>night is far spent</u>, the <u>day is at hand</u>: <u>let us therefore</u> **cast off the works of darkness**, and <u>let us put on the armour of light</u>.
- 13 Let us <u>walk honestly</u>, as in the day; **not in rioting and drunkenness**, **not in chambering and wantonness**, **not in strife and envying**.
- 14 But <u>put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ</u>, and <u>make not provision for the flesh</u>, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

If you Love one another, Then why are you not out spreading The Word of Truth to your neighbors? Why are you not taking Salvation to the Lost? Have you become the **Sluggard**? Are you the **slothful man** with **thorns and nettles** over your face?

Oh A Little Sleep, A Little Slumber. A Little Folding of the Hands to Sleep.

I Thessalonians 5:1-11 says,

- 1 But of the <u>times and the seasons</u>, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.
- 2 For <u>yourselves know perfectly</u> that **the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night**.
- 3 For when they shall say, <u>Peace and safety</u>; **then sudden destruction** cometh upon them, <u>as travail upon a woman with child</u>; and <u>they shall not escape</u>.
- 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
- 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.
- 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but <u>let us watch and be sober</u>.
- 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.
- 8 But <u>let us</u>, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.
- 9 For God <u>hath not appointed us to wrath</u>, <u>but to obtain salvation by our Lord</u> Jesus Christ,
- 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

11 Wherefore <u>comfort yourselves together</u>, and **edify one another**, even as also ye do.

Church, Do you recognize the season? Then why are you not out in the highways and the byways compelling them to come to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb? Why are you willing to make excuses such as I do not have the time? Are you more wrapped up in this World, that you are not supposed to be taking part with, that you are going to be one of the Five Silly Virgins that didn't have enough Oil burning in their Lamp? Do you feel it's more important to watch TV, listen to ungodly radio music, or go shopping than it is to see a man saved? Are you to busy making sure your belly stays full, than making a commitment to God, and becoming a laborer in the harvest fields?

Luke 21:34-36

- 34 And **take heed** <u>to yourselves</u>, lest at <u>any time your hearts be overcharged</u> with <u>surfeiting</u>, and <u>drunkenness</u>, and <u>cares of this life</u>, and so that day come upon you unawares.
- 35 For **as a snare** shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.
- 36 **Watch ye therefore**, and **pray always**, <u>that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass</u>, and **to stand before** the <u>Son of man</u>.

Church, Are you to SLEEPY to have Revival?