

NoDoz for the Believer

Mark 13.28-37

In the concluding part of chapter thirteen’s apocryphal prediction, Jesus alerts his disciples about discerning the signs of the times and that what is called for is not idle speculation, but vigilance and faithfulness.

The Stages of Sleep

The Dangers of Spiritual Sleep

- a loss of interest and reduction of activity for the kingdom
- a loss of passion for Jesus and an inward focused life
- a going through the motions, disconnection from reality

The warning of Jesus: “do not let him find you sleeping” v36

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(How to avoid becoming a sleep-walker in the kingdom)

1. Jesus is trying to teach us something — **DON’T BLOW IT OFF.**

“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree...” v28

2. Read, follow, obey, trust, meditate on **THE WORDS OF JESUS.**

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. v31

3. Live life in awareness of **JESUS’ PRESENCE.**

Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. v33, 34, 35, 37

4. Discover your **GIFT(S)** in the Kingdom and use them.

He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task... v34

5. Keep Christian **COMPANY.**

...puts his servants in charge... v35

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh. Romans 13:11-14



What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?