
“WAKE UP BUTTERCUP!”

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INTRODUCTION:

- » **The older I get...the more tired I become.**
 - * **How many are tired right now?**
 - * **Sometimes I feel like I never get enough sleep.**
- » **I have pretty good energy when I wake up...**
 - * **That's the time I get things done.**
 - * **But as the day lingers on...**
 - * **I find myself TIRED.....physically...mentally....and even SPIRITUALLY.**
- » **As I am aging...I find myself thinking more about my ETERNAL FUTURE...**
 - * **I think about Heaven...**
 - * **I think about seeing my loved ones again...**
 - * **I think about having a NEW BODY....one that doesn't age.**
- » **But as I think about the future...I also think about what Bible Prophecy says about the Last Days.**
 - * **I think about the trouble that is prophesied to come upon this world.**
 - * **I think of the wars....the rebellion....and even what happens to believers...**

» **And to be truthful....it sometimes WEARS ME OUT...just thinking about it.**

* **And...if I'm not careful...I can even try and IGNORE IT.**

* I guess some part of my brain....just wants it to go away.

* Have you ever PROCRASTINATED? Put things off...hoping they would go away?

* By the way....that doesn't work...right?

» **How many like trouble?**

* Not me!

* I have never been A TROUBLEMAKER....

* I have always been a PEACEMAKER.

* Not my wife....SHE CAN BE A TROUBLEMAKER.

» **She asked me to stop at Aldis on my way home from work a couple of days ago.**

* She wanted some lemons.

* She specified that she wanted HARD LEMONS—not soft.

* **So...being the PEACEMAKER....I found a quarter....and stopped at Aldis.**

» **So...I picked up a bag of lemons and felt one of the lemons....**

* It was firm....so, I thought, we are good to go.

* Of course since I was already at the store...

- * She suggested: why don't you go ahead and pick up a whole cart load of stuff....you know...because I was already at the store.
- * Anyway.....When I brought the lemons home...I was proud to hand them to her.
- * I was the PEACEMAKER...she needed lemons...I got her lemons...I solved the problem.
- » The problem was solved...UNTIL (SAY, "UNTIL-LOL!!!).....my wife picked up the bag of lemons....**SHE STARTED TO FEEL ALL OF THE LEMONS.**
- * And...as luck would have it...ONE OF THE LEMONS WAS SOFT.
- * That's when the TROUBLEMAKER started, "Why would they sell lemons that are rotten?"
- * Why should I pay for stuff that's rotten?
- » And...to be truthful...my first instinct was to say: "YOU DIDN'T BUY THEM.....I DID!"
- * But...being the peacemaker...I didn't say that.
- * She then told me the proper procedure on **HOW TO INSPECT A BAG OF LEMONS...**
- * "This is how I do it.." SHE STARTED....
- * I bowed my head....and started looked at my phone..." LOL
- » My sermon title this morning is **WAKE UP! BUTTERCUP!**
- * You and I cannot afford to FALL ASLEEP....right now.

- * We must be SPIRITUALLY AWAKE....
 - * We must be searching our Bibles...
 - * We must prepare ourselves...and those around us.
- » Let's read what the Apostle Paul has to say about the matter.

1. I THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

1 *"But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.*

» Please note that Paul is not TALKING TO SINNERS...

* He's talking to BELIEVERS.

» How many want to be AWARE of the TIMES AND SEASONS that we are living in?

2 *For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.*

» How do these BELIEVERS "know perfectly" what the Bible says will happen?

* It's because they have READ THEIR BIBLE.

* I hope its your HABIT to read your Bible.

* Every verse or passage that you read....increases your knowledge.

» Knowing God's Word PREPARES YOU FOR THE FUTURE.

* I promise that God's Word will make your life BETTER!

* How many like...BETTER? I want better!!

- * **Let me encourage you to READ GOD'S WORD every day...I don't care if it's just ONE SCRIPTURE.**

- » This past week...I had to do a task to do that my flesh didn't want to do.

- * So...I was silently asking God about it.

- * And my impression was: **READ THE SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY...**on your smart phone.

- » So I picked up the phone and taped the Bible App and started laughing.

- * It read: *"Love suffers long..."* (I Corinthians 13:4).

- * So I went to Aldis and bought the lemons...**JUST KIDDING!**

3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape."

- » You and I just watched a monumental event take place this past week.

- * President Trump travel to Israel and then Egypt where he signed a HISTORIC PEACE TREATY.

- * Even the LIBERAL NEWS AGENCIES covered it.

- * **Even Trump's enemies....AGREED THAT IT WAS A HISTORIC EVENT.**

- » Do I believe that the fighting will stop because of this PEACE AGREEMENT?

- * I'm not sure...but that doesn't matter.

- » As a student of Last Days' Prophecy....

- * I've been waiting to here those words about a PEACE TREATY INVOLVING ISRAEL and the Middle East....

- * For as long as I can remember.

- » As a church we recognize what happened...BECAUSE WE ARE WATCHMEN.

- * We are looking...and actively seeking.

- * We are NOT MAKING STUFF UP...

- * But we are IDENTIFYING what we see happening.

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

- » The older I get...and the worse my eyes get....the more I become aware of DARKNESS.

- * Darkness is simply THE ABSENCE OF LIGHT.

- * All you have to do to DISPEL DARKNESS....

- * Is to turn on the LIGHT.

- » How many know that's what we just celebrated in THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES.

- * Isaiah 9:2 says, "THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS, HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT."

- » I don't like to STUMBLE AROUND in the dark.

- * How many know that's how YOU GET HURT...
- * That's how you HAVE AN ACCIDENT....
- * BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SEE WHAT'S IN FRONT OF YOU!

5 *You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.*

6 *Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.*

» I am a SON OF GOD....I have been adopted by the King of the earth.

- * I have the OPPORTUNITY to ACT LIKE A SON.
- * I have access to THE TRUTH...it's GOD'S WORD...the Bible.

» How many have a Bible...that is their best friend?

- * I have a favorite Bible....
- * I've had it for nearly 30 years.
- * It is my Lamp.

» Psalm 119:105, *"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."*

- * Because I am a son...or a daughter....I have the LIGHT OF GOD to help me find my way.
- * I have NO EXCUSE to fall asleep.

7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

» Jesus tells us in MATTHEW 25...which is the parable of the 10 virgins....

* That all those virgins...both the wise and the foolish../

* Those virgins represent the CHRISTIAN KINGDOM as we know it today.

* They all fall asleep in the last days.

» What does that mean? It means they ARE SPIRITUALLY ASLEEP.

* There are some doctrines in the CHRISTIAN KINGDOM....

* Which have caused the majority of believers...to become complacent.

» There's a doctrine that says ONE DAY...out of the CLEAR BLUE....we will all be raptured away...to HEAVEN.

* I'm sorry...but that doctrine is not supported by scripture.

* However....it has lulled CHRISTIANS into a state of SPIRITUAL SLEEP....

* Which has caused them to close their spiritual eyes.

» Jesus says in Matthew 25:5, *"but while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept."*

* If you say...Jesus can come at any time....

* **Then you have to ask yourself the question: WHY ISN'T HE COMING BACK YET?"**

» **The Kingdom of God is also waiting for Jesus to show up at any moment.**

* **The majority of Christians believe that He can come BEFORE I FINISH MY NEXT SENTENCE.**

* **Some of y'all are probably praying that right now...LORD MAKE HIM SHUT UP!"**

» **However, if you've read your Bible....you know that is not true.**

* **Even 2,000 years ago...right after Jesus died, resurrected and ascended to Heaven...**

* **People started thinking He was coming RIGHT BACK.**

» **The Apostle Paul had to set them straight in II Thessalonians 2 where he says, "For that day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of Sin is revealed..."**

* **There are things that have to happen....**

* **Before Jesus can return.**

* **I'm confident to tell you that this MIDDLE EAST PEACE TREATY....**

* **Is part of the things that must take place.**

8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

» **My job...as a son or a daughter...is to BE SOBER.**

- * **What does the word SOBER mean?**
- * **The original GREEK WORD means *to abstain from wine, be discreet, to watch.***
- * **You can't watch if your asleep.**

» **How many want to be AWARE of the TIMES AND SEASONS that we are living in?**

9 *For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

» **God wants you and to make it.**

- * **We are His children...He loves us.**
- * **He wants us to overcome....to be victorious.**
- * **He doesn't want us to stumble...or lose our way.**

» **How many want to be AWARE of the TIMES AND SEASONS that we are living in?**

10 *who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him."*

11 *Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing."*

» **I take COMFORT from knowing that God has a plan.**

- * **I just need to READ MY BIBLE....**
- * **And communicate with GOD...**

- * **Take every opportunity....even if it's a trip to Aldis...**
- * **To seek God's input.**
- * **TELL YOUR NEIGHBOR: "Love suffers long..."**