

# Let's Talk CHANGE DEVOTIONALS



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## WAKE UP!

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I was driving my son to work one early morning. On the return trip to my home I felt very sleepy. It was a concentrated effort to keep my eyes open and focus on the road. The sleepy feeling was prominent and if I could close my eyes I would enjoy sweet sleep. However, I was roused to reality as I did not want to have a car accident and injure others/ myself or even kill someone or myself. The urgency to wake up was greater than the enticement to sleep. The spirit of the Lord began to minister to me and shared that many are falling asleep or are asleep in the spiritual realm. We are not as alert as we should be about our walk with God. Romans 13:11 (Amplified Bible) says, "Besides this you know what (a critical) hour this is, how it is high time now for you to wake up out of your sleep (rouse to reality). For salvation (final deliverance) is nearer to us now than when we first believed (adhered to, trusted in, and relied on Christ the Messiah)."



The reason for the spiritual drowsiness varies from person to person. However the bottom line is our enemy wants to sift us as wheat like he wanted to do the disciples when they wanted to sleep and not pray when Jesus was agonizing in the Garden of Gethsemane.

It is urgent that we lay aside every weight and sin that easily besets us. It is not profitable for us to stroke our sins and pacify our lusts. It is not profitable to be in denial and believe a lie about ourselves and face an unpleasant end. If you and I are His children and He's lost none of them that are His, then He will bring you to a place where you must wake up and clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ. We must wake up and wear the righteousness of Christ and exchange our worldly mental wardrobe for the spirit of Truth!

Years ago I wrote a song that says, "Time is running out, oh, time is running out. You haven't time to live in sin, Jesus is coming back again; sinner man you better heed that call, for time is running out!

My pastor Bishop Benton used to say in the middle of a sermon when people were dozing, "Wake up and listen to me." Jesus is saying it with a louder voice and more urgency, WAKE UP!

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