



May 22

Jesus Urges Us to Keep Alert and Pray—He is Coming!

Give no sleep to your eyes,
nor slumber to your eyelids – Proverbs 6:4

[Matthew 24:45-51] “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his lord has set over his household, to give them their food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his lord finds doing so when he comes. Most certainly I tell you that he will set him over all that he has. But if that evil servant should say in his heart, ‘My lord is delaying his coming,’ and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eat and drink with the drunkards, the lord of that servant will come in a day when he doesn’t expect it, and in an hour when he doesn’t know it, and will cut him in pieces, and appoint his portion with the hypocrites. There is where the weeping and grinding of teeth will be.

Watch, keep alert, and pray; for you don’t know when the time is. *So be careful, or your hearts will be loaded down with carousing,*

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drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day will come on you suddenly. For it will come like a snare on all those who dwell on the surface of all the earth. Therefore be watchful all the time, praying that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will happen, and to stand before the Son of Man.

“It is like a man, traveling to another country, having left his house, and given authority to his servants, and to each one his work, and also commanded the doorkeeper to keep watch. Watch therefore, for you don’t know when the lord of the house is coming, whether at evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he might find you sleeping. What I tell you, I tell all: Watch.”
[Mark 13:33-37, Luke 21:33-36]

1. How are you faithful and wise? How is your heart loaded down? How will you “watch”?
2. How do the 3 accounts differ? What is the main point? How does this help you watch?
3. Jesus, the cares of this life weary me and make me sleepy, but today I resolve to wake...