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WHILE MEN SLEPT

(Matthew 13:24-30)

INTRODUCTION

When we are spiritually awake, we may sow the good seed of God's word in our life,
and it brings forth a bountiful harvest.

When we are spiritually asleep, we provide opportunity for the enemy to advance in our life,
sow "tares," and we are in need of a wake-up call. (1 Cor. 15:34)

1. THE SLEEP OF PROCRASTINATION (THE SLOTHFUL)

(Prov. 24:30-34) "I went by the field of the slothful ... void of understanding ... yet a little sleep,
a little slumber ... so shall thy poverty come ... "

Jesus describes this person: (Luke 8:13)

2. THE SLEEP OF WEARINESS

The disciples in Gethsemane: (Matthew 26:36-46)

Eutychus: (Acts 20:7-10)

Rest, but don't quit! (Gal. 6:9) "Be not weary in well doing."

3. THE SLEEP OF RUNNING AWAY FROM A GOD-GIVEN TASK

(Jonah 1:1-6) "the word of the Lord came to Jonah ... Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish
from the presence of the Lord ... and was fast asleep ... "

(John 14:15) "If you love me, keep my commandments"

4. THE SLEEP OF BEING PRESUMPTUOUS

(Judges 16:4-20) (v19) "And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man,
and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head ... his strength went from him
... and he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before,
and shake myself. And he knew not that the Lord was departed from him"

Spiritually asleep, flirting with the world's pleasures, being presumptuous, thinking that you
will always have the strength to overcome and be able to return to God.

SLEEP INVITES DANGER (physically and spiritually)

When sleeping, you are: 1) Insensible, not aware of danger. 2) Insecure, cannot protect
yourself. 3) Inactive, awake to find the task no nearer finished than when you went
to sleep. 4) Illusion, may fancy that all is well.

(Eph. 5:14) "Awake, you that sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine upon you"