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## WHILE THEY SLEPT

(Proverbs 24:30 – 34)

INTRODUCTION - Sleep has several descriptive characteristics attached to it.

**Insensibility:** we are not aware of events in the house or neighborhood.

**Insecurity:** we cannot protect ourselves, so we lock doors and set the alarm system.

**Inactivity:** any task left undone is still undone when we awake.

**Illusion:** the sleeper or dreamer may fancy that all is well.

### 1. THE SLEEP OF THE LAZY PERSON

(Proverbs 24:30-34) "... the lazy man ... the man devoid of understanding ... a little sleep, a little slumber ... your poverty ... "

(James 4:13-17) "... you do not know what will happen tomorrow ... "

### 2. THE SLEEP OF HIDING FROM GOD'S COMMAND

(Jonah 1:1-3) "... Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord ...

(v5) "Jonah had gone down into the lowest part of the ship, ... was fast asleep."

(Psalm 139:7-12) tells us that there is no hiding place to escape God's command.

### 3. THE SLEEP OF BEING PRESUMPTUOUS

(Judges 16:15-20) (v19) "She lulled him to sleep on her knees"

(v20) "I will go out as before, at others times, and shake myself free."

Samson thought he would always be able to escape the danger. Wrong!

### 4. THE SLEEP OF BEING WEARY

(Mark 14:34-38) "... Stay here and watch ... Then He came and found them sleeping ... "

(Galatians 6:9) "let us not grow weary while doing good ... "

### 5. THE SLEEP THAT LETS THE ENEMY IN

(Matthew 13:24-28) "... but while men slept, the enemy came and sowed tares ... "

(2 Timothy 4:2-5) "Preach the word ... be watchful in all things ... "

### 6. THE SLEEP THAT OVERCOMES US - (Acts 20:7-10) "... Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep, and as Paul continued speaking ... "

I've heard of people talking in their own sleep, and I heard someone giving the definition of a preacher as "one who talks in someone else's sleep."

### CLOSE -

(Romans 13:11) "do this, knowing the time, that it is high time to awake out of sleep ... "

(Ephesians 5:14) "Therefore He says, Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."