

The Woke Christian

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Text: Romans 13:11-12 And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. ¹²The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

The Things of the World Makes Us Sleep

Reference verses: Judges 16:4-31; Matthew 16:18-23

1. In what ways do the things of this world cause Christians to fall asleep?

2. How is meaning of Delilah's (the consumer) name so fitting for what happens when Christians are more wrapped up in things of the world?

3. According to the following quote, in what ways are even the strongest made weak?

"Physically, Samson was the strongest man upon the earth; but in self-control, integrity, and firmness, he was one of the weakest of men. Many mistake strong passions for a strong character, but the truth is that he who is mastered by his passions is a weak man. The real greatness of the man is measured by the power of the feelings that he controls, not by those that control him." – Ellen White, *Patriarch and Prophets*, 567-568.

The Delay in Christ's Return Makes Us Sleep

Reference verses: Matthew 25:1-13; Psalm 119:105

4. If the ten virgins were all carrying lamps, or God's Word, why did they fail to enter the wedding banquet?

5. Is it possible to be filled with the wrong spirit? Explain.

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6. Read the following quote. Why is the Holy Spirit so important in our being an awake Christian?
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“Without the Spirit of God a knowledge of His word is of no avail. The theory of truth, unaccompanied by the Holy Spirit, cannot quicken the soul or sanctify the heart. One may be familiar with the commands and promises of the Bible; but unless the Spirit of God sets the truth home, the character will not be transformed. Without the enlightenment of the Spirit, men will not be able to distinguish truth from error, and they will fall under the masterful temptations of Satan.” – Ellen White, *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 408

Reference verses: James 2:14-26

7. As you read the above verses from James 2, what role does works play in helping keep Christians awake?
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A Belief We Know It All Already Makes Us Sleep

Reference verses: Revelation 3:14-22; John 8:31-59

8. Why is it not enough to simply believe all the right things?
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“I have been shown that the greatest reason why the people of God are now found in this state of spiritual blindness is that they will not receive correction. Many have despised the reproofs and warnings given them.” – Ellen White, *Testimonies*, vol. 3, 255

“Faith and love are golden treasures, elements that are greatly wanting among God’s people. I have been shown that unbelief in the testimonies of warning, encouragement, and reproof is shutting away the light from God’s people. Unbelief is closing their eyes so that they are ignorant of their true condition.” – Ellen White, *Testimonies*, vol. 3, 255