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Tick, Tick, Tick...

This is what The Lord put on my heart, it is an encouragement and reminder to me, I'm sharing it hoping that it will encourage others.

Romans 13:11-14

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."

We're running out of time... either way, whether we go by the rapture or by the grave, every day that goes by is one day less we have to prepare to meet God. Thank God for His mercy and long suffering, He will correct (prune) us if we'll seek and yield to it.

A popular phrase now days is "24/7"; but as I was meditating upon this (and The Lord also put Ephesians 6:11-18 in my heart as part of the putting on of the armour of light), He reminded me that the enemy is attacking and seeking areas to attack, 24/7. Therefore we MUST be on alert at all times. If there's ever been a time in history that Christians were asleep (and there have been many) today is the time. The message to me was this; I've (we've?) not been called to be as everyone else (while the Word of God is to all Christians, not everyone will be willing to obey); it's easy to fall into a pattern of day to day existence, doing our daily routine (which includes our Word and prayer time, though many days done as a habit rather than a hearts hungry desire for fellowship with our heavenly Father) without the awareness that we're running out of time.

I'm reminded of things The Lord has put upon my heart over the years that I believe He wanted to use me for, and that I wasn't as diligent about seeking for Him to use me in those areas...and when I was, I allowed myself, after time, to fall into the trap of becoming lackadaisical.

I believe The Lord is telling me/us? in these scriptures why spiritual 'sleep' comes so easily...DARKNESS; making provision for the flesh.

I'm not going into each area The Lord ministered to me on as pertaining to making provisions for the flesh and areas of darkness, in my life, because each of us have different things that need pruning, but the point is that we're running out of time and we've GOT to wake up.

A watchman who is asleep, is not a true watchman...A true watchman is a watchman 24/7, he is clad in God's armour, he is sober minded, diligent, he is willing to lay down his life for his brethren, he's ready at all times to share of the hope that lies within him, and he has a heart of love...and he makes NO provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

btw: the word watchman can be removed above and the word Christian can be inserted, or 5-fold minister, or Overcomer.

Father, help us to have an attention span that is ever alert, 24/7, aware that time is ticking by and that we'll give account of each word, thought, and action...may we redeem the time as faithful servants, in Jesus Name...Amen

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