

Romans 13:11-14 Daily Devotions

☐ Monday - Its Time to Wake Up.

Romans 13:11

The apostle writes, "It is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep" (Rom. 13:11), which suggests that it is possible for the Christian to fall asleep on the job so to speak; that is, the "job" of living for Christ, "fighting the good fight" (1 Tim. 6:12), and "running the race with endurance" (Heb. 12:1). Elsewhere, Paul writes, "Let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert" (1 Thess. 5:6). Yes, "Rise up O men of God", as the old hymn exhorts. Let us arise from our spiritual slumber and live all out for Jesus Christ. Read Revelation 3:1-3

☐ Tuesday - Get Ready for the Day.

Romans 13:11-14

Here in Romans 13:11-14, the picture is of a person waking up (v. 11), at the end of the night (v. 12), thinking about the day ahead (v. 13), and getting dressed (v. 12, 14). This sequence of events is something that we all do everyday, and Paul uses it as a metaphor for the Christian life. It is easy to overthink the Christian life sometimes, so Paul breaks it down for us. Read Romans 13:11-14 several times and write down three or four exhortations from these verses concerning Christian living. Next, pray to God for His amazing grace to live this way! Read Ephesians 5:8-10

☐ Wednesday - Your Redemption is Drawing Near! Romans 13:11-12

Paul declares, "Salvation is nearer to us than when we believed" (Rom. 13:11). Christ has not revealed the day or the hour of His return (Matt. 24:36) so that every generation would live in readiness. But if the day of Christ's return was nearer then, how much more, 2000 years later, should God's people look up for our redemption is drawing near (Lk. 21:28). Read 1 John 3:1-3

☐ Thursday - Put on the Armor of Light / Put on Christ. Rom. 13:12,14

Here in Romans 13, the Bible instructs God's people to "put on the armor of light" (Rom. 13:12). Christian, "You were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light. For the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth" (Eph. 5:8-9). When we put on these things by the power of God's mighty Holy Spirit we are putting on Christ (Rom. 13:14). Read Ephesians 6:10-17

☐ Friday - Make No Provision for the Flesh.

Romans 13:14

The Bible instructs God's people to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts" (Rom. 13:14). This is the same as Paul's exhortation to put on God's full armor (Eph. 6:10-17), for only when we put on Christ's righteousness as a breastplate, take up the shield of faith in Him, and wield His Word which is the sword of the Spirit, can we successfully battle the lusts of the flesh. Read Galatians 3:27