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But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, **“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”** Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

**Ephesians 5:13-21 (ESV)**

### 1. WAKE UP AND FIX OUR EYES

Let your eyes look forward; **fix your gaze straight ahead.**

Carefully consider the path for your feet, and all your ways will be established.

Don't turn to the right or to the left; keep your feet away from evil.

**Proverbs 4:25-27 (CSB)**

**Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.** Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)**

### 2. WAKE UP AND LIVE FREE

So Jesus said to the Jews who had **believed** him, “If you **abide** in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will **know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**”

**John 8:31-32 (ESV)**

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**Galatians 5:1 (NIV)**

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**You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth?** That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. **“A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.”** I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion, whoever that may be, will have to pay the penalty.

**Galatians 5:7-10 (NIV)**

**I say, then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh.** For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and anything similar. I am warning you about these things—as I warned you before—that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**Galatians 5:16-21 (CSB)**

But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.** The law is not against such things. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

**Galatians 5:22-26 (CSB)**

### 3. WAKE UP AND FAN THE FLAME

**“It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”**

– C.S. Lewis, “The Weight of Glory”

#### THE LETTER TO LAODICEA

Write to the angel of the church in Laodicea: “Thus says the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the originator, of God's creation: **I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am going to vomit you out of my mouth.** For you say, ‘I'm rich; I have become wealthy and need nothing,’ and you don't realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. **I advise you to buy from me gold refined in the fire so that you may be rich, white clothes so that you may be dressed and your shameful nakedness not be exposed, and ointment to spread on your eyes so that you may see.** As many as I love, I rebuke and discipline. So be zealous and repent. See! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

**Revelation 3:14-20 (CSB)**

**“In every single one of us, there is a desire to have something worth dying for so that we can truly live. It's what we are all searching for. What if you knew beyond a shadow of a doubt, with everything in you, that the hope you have in Christ was worth laying it all down for, including your own life? This is what freedom looks like. It looks like a Christian soldier with a mind of steel and a heart of flesh, unattached to the things of this world that push and pull on him in every direction. Truthful in the face of catastrophe, loving in the face of humiliation, full of hope amidst a hopeless situation, holy and set apart in a world of shattered morality.”**

– Parker Green, Way of The Victorious