

## Ephesians 5:14 (Exegetical Study)

“AWAKE-SLEEPING ONE” Especially applicable today!

1. This verb presents the importance of a humble RETURN to the LJC. Each believer is to view his/her spiritual condition in the LIGHT of God’s Word.
2. We must see that we cannot be successful apart from spiritual perception and consistency in getting the thinking of our Savior.
3. God assigns each one of us with a number of years – (not sure the amount). The Bible speaks of 3 score and ten+ = 70 or perhaps more. This is the amount He allows us to get to the peak of Echo mountain. He reveals that – that is ample, enough, *IF WE DON’T FLUB IT! DON’T WASTE GOD GIVEN TIME! DON’T CHOOSE TO BE INDIFFERENT TO TRUTH!*
4. God’s people must know that there is a great conflict in progress – taking place at this very moment. BE AWARE – BE AWAKE TO REALITY OF OUR PRESENT RESPONSIBILITY.
5. WE MUST KNOW that in this great conflict, our Lord has provided the HELP we need. [Rev. 3:20](#) “Behold I stand...”
6. We CANNOT AFFORD TO BE SPIRITUALLY ASLEEP. WE MUST BE AWARE OF TIME! When asleep we are not aware of time.
7. Sleeping spiritually is wasting God-given time.
8. Time on the negative track describes apostasy – this is keeping the believer from God’s BEST!
9. The believer must become AWAKE – AWARE and RETURN which includes Recognition – Repentance – Restoration and Refill. “ARISE”, Aorist active imperative of ἀνίστημι – *STAND UP AND AWAY FROM NEKROS = DEAD CONDITIONS*. Please notice that backsliders are compatible with each other – they flock – when true believers begin to closely associate with the non-perceptive, they will eventually join hands and minds and be just like them, which leads to the *sin unto death* (SUD).
10. The challenge here is to move rapidly back into HARMONY AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WILL GIVE LIGHT.