

### WHILE MEN SLEPT

"While men slept" – that's the explanation Jesus gave for the presence of weeds in the wheat (Matt. 13:25). "While men slept, the enemy came and sowed weeds in the wheat." – abortion became an acceptable means of population control and euthanasia is not far behind. Homosexuality came out of the closet and gained respectability, sex outside of marriage became common behavior and teenage pregnancy reached epidemic proportions. Our society grew addicted to pornography and gambling, and alcoholism became our Number One health problem – while men slept.

Individualism, pluralism, secularism and apathy have rendered American religion impotent, totally incapable of doing anything about our moral and spiritual crises. No one seems to know what's right and what's wrong, and those who do, don't think it's all that important. So everyone does what feels good at the moment, or makes him feel good about himself later on. While men slept the weeds grew.

Don't you think it's time we awaken out of our sleep? New Testament Christians "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6) by preaching Jesus Christ. They went everywhere doing it – in the Jewish synagogues, then to the market place. They made a great impact on the world around them and many thousands became followers of Christ. But that was their Number One priority!

- Mack Lyon, deceased,  
(former speaker on *In Search of the Lord's Way*) -  
via *Bulletin Digest*

### DO IT WITH ALL THY MIGHT

God has not demanded of us that which is impossible for us to do. He does not require us to be or become what we cannot be. But He does charge us with doing our best. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might" (Eccl. 9:10). Other passages are expressive of the same concept: "... Do it heartily, as unto the Lord" (Col. 3:23). "...Giving all diligence..." (2 Pet. 1:5. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matt. 22:37).

God has given no indication that He is, or ever has been, satisfied with half-hearted service and commitment. He asks for diligence. "In diligence, not slothful; fervent in spirit, serving the Lord" (Rom. 12:11). He wants the whole heart – the whole man. He wants us to be the best we can be and do the best we can do!

That isn't an arbitrary requirement. It is not an imposition worked upon us. Rather it is for our good and our happiness.

Fulfillment, contentment and happiness are for the committed. Misery and discontentment ride hard on the heels of the slothful and the half-hearted!

God gave His best! Can we afford to do less?

- Wardell Halliburton, *Bulletin Digest* -

**Our Bible Classes  
Need Your Support!**

If our Bible classes are significant, and they are, then they demand our support. What kind of support is needed for our Bible classes?

- BE PRESENT • BE PREPARED
- BE PRAYERFUL • BE A PARTICIPANT

Are you helping or hindering our Bible classes? Are you supporting them or are you saying by your lack of support, let's stop them? Think about it! - *Bulletin Digest*

*The doors of opportunity are marked "Push" and "Pull".*

### News & Notes

**LADIES MEETING:** There will be a short meeting **today** at the front of the auditorium following our morning worship. This is to discuss plans for the ladies work day **next Saturday, Oct. 26th.**

**UP FRONT:** Bible drills for the kids and teens **each 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5:15 p.m.** Bible questions submitted by adults will be considered **each 3rd Sunday at 5:15 p.m.**

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** **Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.** All the ladies are invited to participate in helping to make stuffed bears for kids.

**MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS:** **Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Men are urged to come and spend an hour with other brothers and be encouraged.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:** In an effort to update our membership directory, all will be done in-house (pictures, etc.) at no cost to members. Each family will receive a free directory after all pictures and information are processed. To expedite this effort, please make an appointment **ASAP**; your cooperation will be appreciated.

**LADIES INSPIRATION DAY:** **Saturday, Nov. 2nd** at Hanoverton, OH Church of Christ. **Registration: 8:15-9:00 a.m.** **Topic: "On the Road to Heaven."**  
**Speakers:** Latisha Brown, Danielle Burch, Angela Marshall, Terrie Spooner. Lunch provided.

**PANTRY:** Chicken noodle soup.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME:** Emma Rine, Beulah Walker, Fred Larrimore, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Joann Webb, Doris Dunham, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

**GOSPEL MEETING & LECTURES**

Hanoverton ..... Oct. 20-24, 7 p.m. (except Sunday) ..... Bill Miller  
WVSOP, Moundsville ..... Oct. 20-24, Various times ..... Different Speakers

**My Daily ATTITUDE Action Plan is ...**

- √ *Always making today my best day* – Psalm 118:24
- √ *Taking pride in a job well done* – Philippians 1:27
- √ *Treating others with respect* – Ephesians 4:32
- √ *Implementing positive thoughts* – Philippians 4:8
- √ *Turning tasks into opportunities* – Ephesians 5:15-16
- √ *Utilizing my talents always* – Matthew 25:29
- √ *Doing something that benefits others* – Galatians 6:10
- √ *Expecting good things to happen* – Mark 11:24

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