



Key Scripture:

Matthew 24:44 CEV

Always be ready! You don't know when the Son of Man will come.

Keep watch!

Mark 13:34-37 NLT

34 "The coming of the Son of Man can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. When he left home, he gave each of his slaves instructions about the work they were to do, and he told the gatekeeper to watch for his return. **35 You, too, must keep watch!**

For you don't know when the master of the household will return—in the evening, at midnight, before dawn, or at daybreak. **36 Don't let him find you sleeping when he arrives without warning.** 37 I say to you what I say to everyone: Watch for him!"

The dangers of God's people falling asleep.

✓ **Samson was lulled to sleep and lost his strength.**

Judges 16:19 NLT

Delilah lulled Samson to sleep with his head in her lap, and then she called in a man to shave off the seven locks of his hair. In this way she began to bring him down, and **his strength left him.**

✓ **Jonah slept through his calling.**

Jonah 1:5-6 ERV

5...Jonah had gone down into the boat to lie down, and **he went to sleep.**
6 The captain of the boat saw Jonah and said, **"Wake up! Why are you sleeping?"**
Pray to your god! **Maybe your god will hear your prayer and save us!"**

✓ **Eutychus fell asleep in church...**

Acts 20:9 NLT

As Paul spoke on and on, a young man named Eutychus, sitting on the windowsill, became very drowsy. Finally, **he fell sound asleep and dropped three stories to his death below.**

✓ **Foolish bridesmaids slept unfilled.**

Matthew 25:3-5 NKJV

3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and **took no oil with them,**
4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, **they all slumbered and slept.**

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Are We There Yet?

Keep Your Eyes Open!

Keeping your eyes wide open...

1. **Awake** from the things that lull your senses!

1 Thessalonians 5:6-8 AMP

6 Accordingly then, **let us not sleep, as the rest do, but let us keep wide awake**
(alert, watchful, cautious, and on our guard)
and let us be sober (calm, collected, and circumspect).

7 For **those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk, get drunk at night.**

8 But we belong to the day; therefore, let us be sober and put on the breastplate (corslet) of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

2. **Alert** to dangers.

1 Corinthians 16:13 AMP

Be alert and on your guard; stand firm in your faith

(your conviction respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, keeping the trust and holy fervor born of faith and a part of it).

Act like men and be courageous; grow in strength!

3. **Activate** your faith.

2 Peter 1:5-11 Message

5 So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, **complementing your basic faith** with good character, spiritual understanding,
6 alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, 7 warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others.
8 **With these qualities active and growing in your lives, no grass will grow under your feet** no day will pass without its reward as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus.
9 **Without these qualities you can't see what's right before you,** oblivious that your old sinful life has been wiped off the books.
10 So, friends, **confirm God's invitation to you, His choice of you. Don't put it off; do it now.**
Do this, and you'll have your life on a firm footing, 11 the streets paved and the way wide open into the eternal kingdom of our Master and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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