

Message: Sleeping when you are supposed to be praying

Matthew 26:36-46 KJV Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. [37] And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. [38] Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. [39] And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. [40] And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? [41] Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. [42] He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. [43] And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. [44] And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. [45] Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. [46] Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

This is a big lesson to us that are always trusting our prayer life into the hands of others, the disciples could not watch for Jesus, Jesus went to pray but they were sleeping. Are you sleeping when you are to be praying? The accuser is at the corner, you need to rise up and pray.....

To sleep is

1. To physically sleep off during the time of prayer
2. To be slack in bible reading

What can make a minister to sleep when supposed to be praying

1. Over feeding the flesh
2. Over working the flesh
3. Too much pleasure
4. Social media
5. Too much engagement with church politics
6. Confidence in the flesh
7. Pride
8. The phone syndrome
9. Over familiarity syndrome
10. I'm a pastor syndrome

Consequences of sleeping

1. Spiritual blindness
2. Powerlessness
3. Poor discerning
4. Voice and prayers without fire
5. Fighting without a shield
6. Spiritual death

What must we do? We must pray for fresh fire of revival.

Prayer

1. O lord my Father wake me up from spiritual slumber in the name of Jesus
2. O God my father revive my altar of prayers in the name of Jesus
3. Anything in me that hates prayers and the bible come out and die in the name of Jesus
4. Lord Jesus empower me to pray without ceasing in the name of Jesus
5. Church politics shall not quench my fire for prayers and bible reading in the name of Jesus.