

Signs of the Caring and Committed
#37: Avoiding “Snooze Button” Christianity
Romans 12:11

“Not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord”

Romans 12:11(NASB)

When is an alarm clock without an alarm? That happens when the “snooze button” is habitually and repeatedly used to delay the call to “wake up and get moving.” Why have alarms which provoke no response, like the ostracized little boy who cried “Wolf!” or the ignored auto siren that often accidentally goes off? The snooze button negates the alarm clock’s effectiveness.

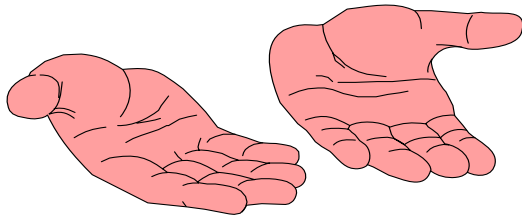
In contrast, do you remember “Reveille” the bugle call the military used to wake up military personnel at sunrise? It was sounded at approximately 6 a.m. to signal the raising of the flag and the assembling of the soldiers for duty. The informal words to “Reveille” are:

It’s time to get up.
It’s time to get up.
It’s time to get up this morning!
It’s time to get up.
It’s time to get up.
It’s time to get up today.

The tenor of Romans 12:11 is akin to the purpose of the bugle call, which is in essence, to not delay, but have a “go get’em” spirit for the Lord’s duty— right now!

To not lag or be slothful carries with it the admonition to not be lazy. The bible characterizes the one talent man in Matthew 25:26 as “wicked” and “lazy”. Proverbs 6:10-11 cautions us against this type of casual, idle, and lackadaisical approach to our walk and duty.

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**"A little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to rest"--
Your poverty will come in like a vagabond
And your need like an armed man.**

The idea behind fervency in spirit means to *boil* with zeal for good. Apollos in Acts 18:25 was described as "fervent in spirit" while teaching John's baptism. The Spirit through John writes to the church at Laodicea in Rev 3:19 that they should "...therefore be zealous and repent" after rebuking them for their being "neither cold nor hot", but "lukewarm."

The Romans 12:11 message is powerful and poignant: Be "on fire" for the Lord without hesitation or delay. This is good advice for any thirsty soul. Take that hand off the snooze button, and get moving for the Lord.

Happy Father's Day and Godspeed to you this week!

With Care and Commitment,

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