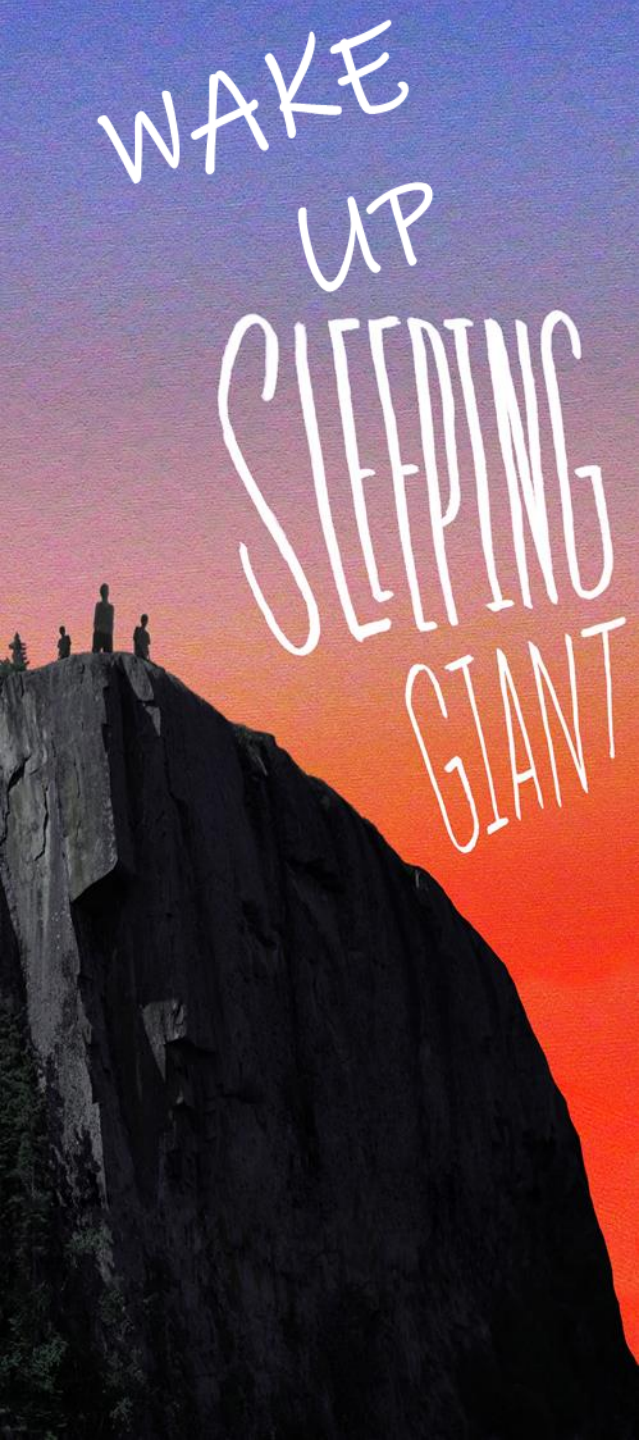


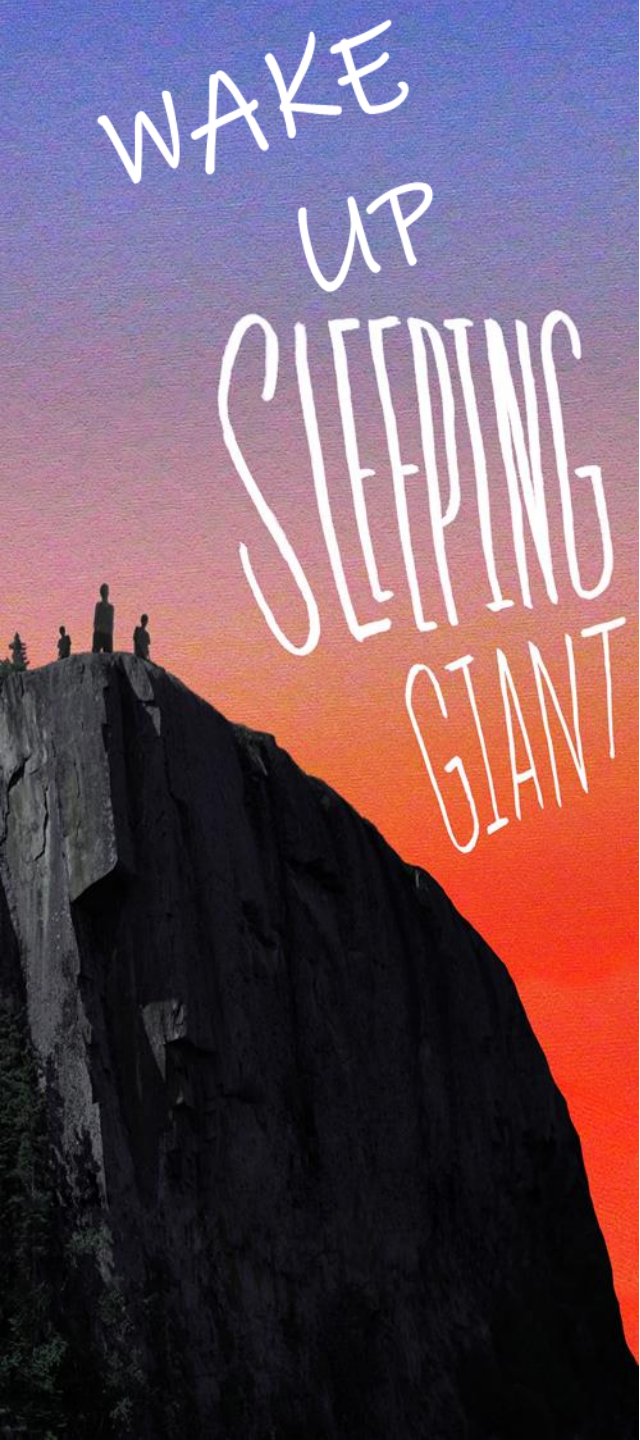


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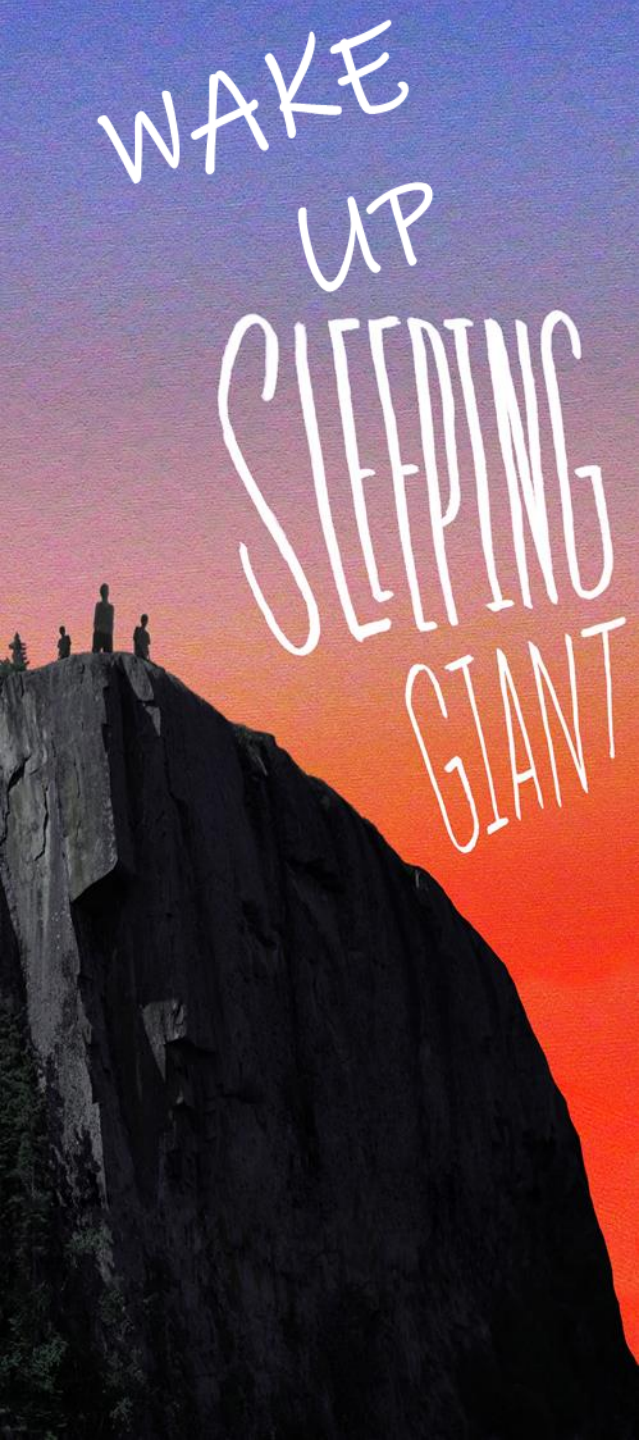


Ephesians 5:8-14 (NLT) —8 For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! **9** For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. **10** Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. **11** Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. **12** It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. **13** But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, **14** for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, *“Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”*

Sleeper: (Metaphorically) to yield to sloth and sin; to be indifferent to one's salvation. (Strong's)

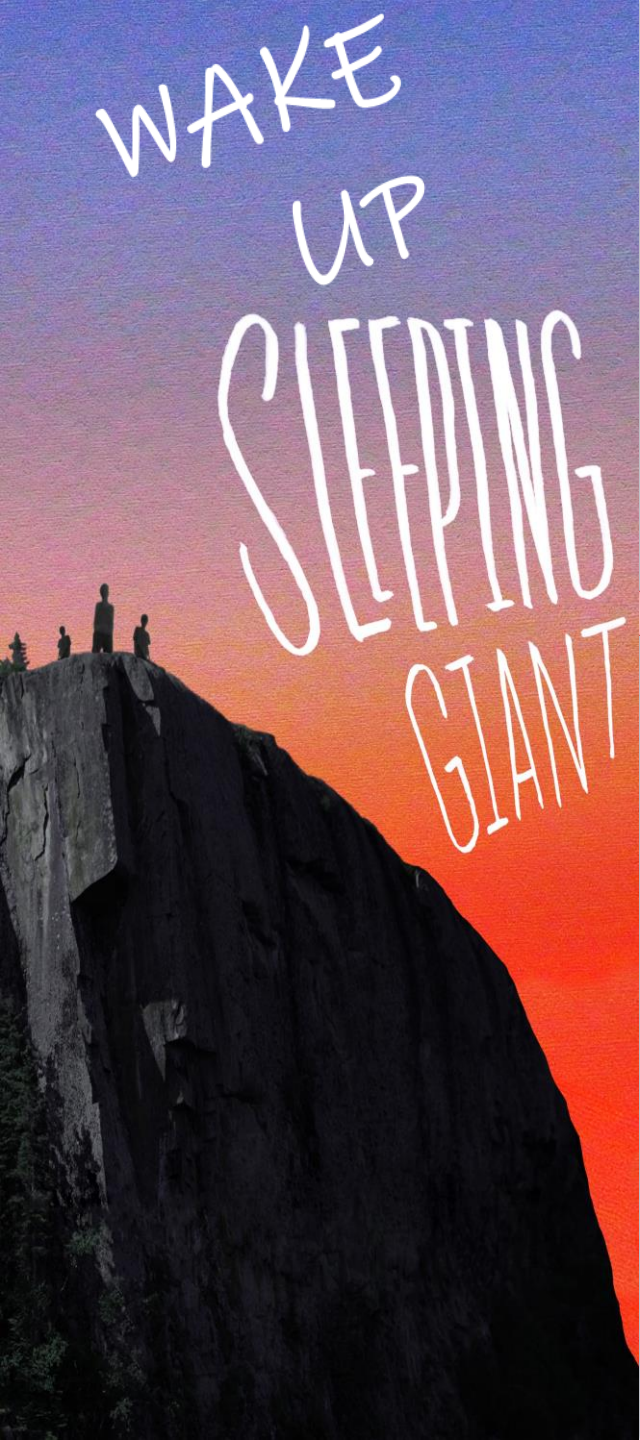


Hebrews 2:1–8 (NLT) — **1** So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. **2** For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished. **3** So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak? **4** And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose. **5** *And furthermore, it is not angels who will control the future world we are talking about.* **6** For in one place the Scriptures say, “What are mere mortals that you should think about them, or a son of man that you should care for him? **7** Yet for a little while you made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. **8** You gave them authority over all things.” Now when it says “all things,” it means nothing is left out. But we have not yet seen all things put under their authority.



Matthew 24:42–44 (ESV) — 42 Therefore, **stay awake**, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. **43** But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have **stayed awake** and would not have let his house be broken into. **44** Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

1 Thessalonians 5:5–6 (ESV) — 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. **6** So then let us not sleep, as others do, but **let us keep awake** and be sober.

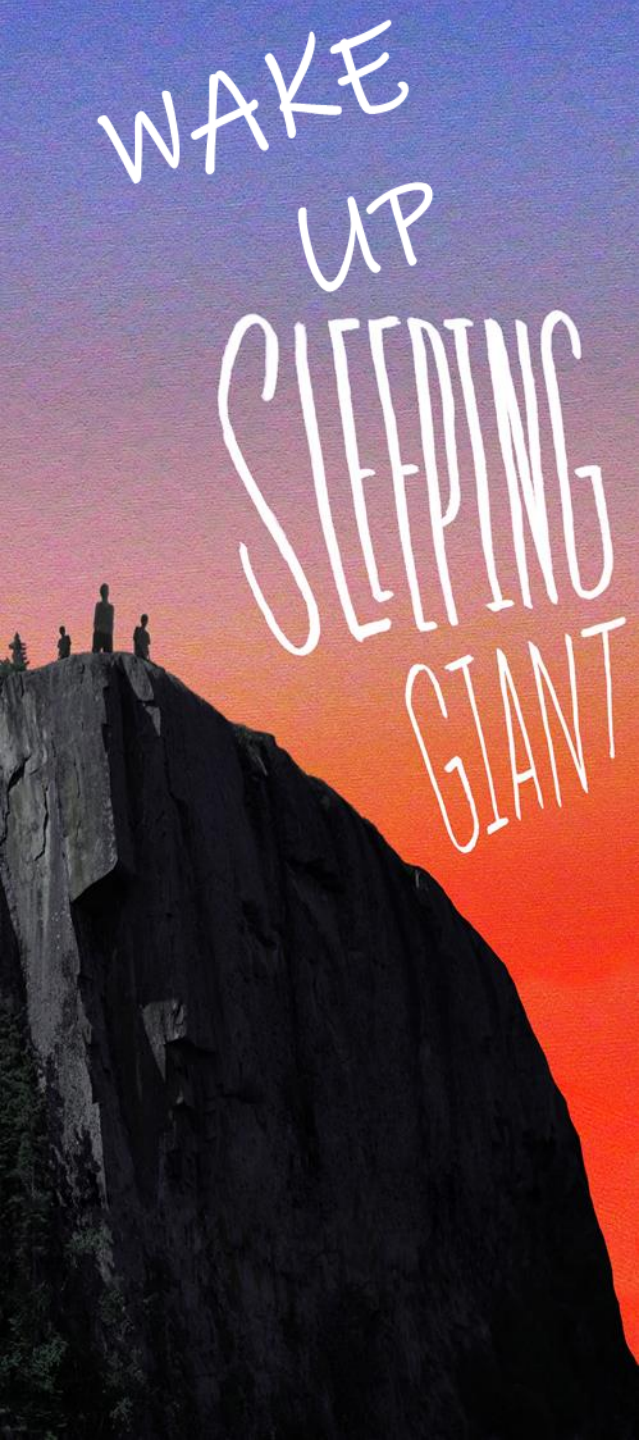


THE CHURCH OF SARDIS...

THE SLUMBERING CHURCH

Rev. 3:1-3 (TPT)

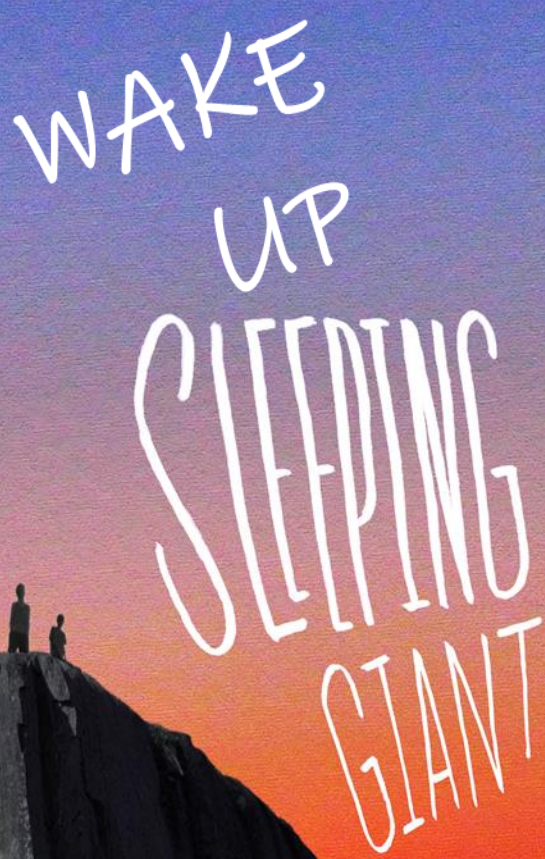
¹ Write the following to the messenger of the congregation in Sardis, for these are the words of the one who holds the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: I know all that you do and I know that you have a reputation for being really “alive,” but you’re actually dead! ² **Wake up** and strengthen all that remains before it dies, for I haven’t found your works to be perfect in the sight of my God. ³ So remember all the things you’ve received and heard, then turn back to God and obey them. For if you continue to slumber, I will come to you like a thief, and you’ll have no idea at what hour I will come.



CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SLEEPING CHURCH

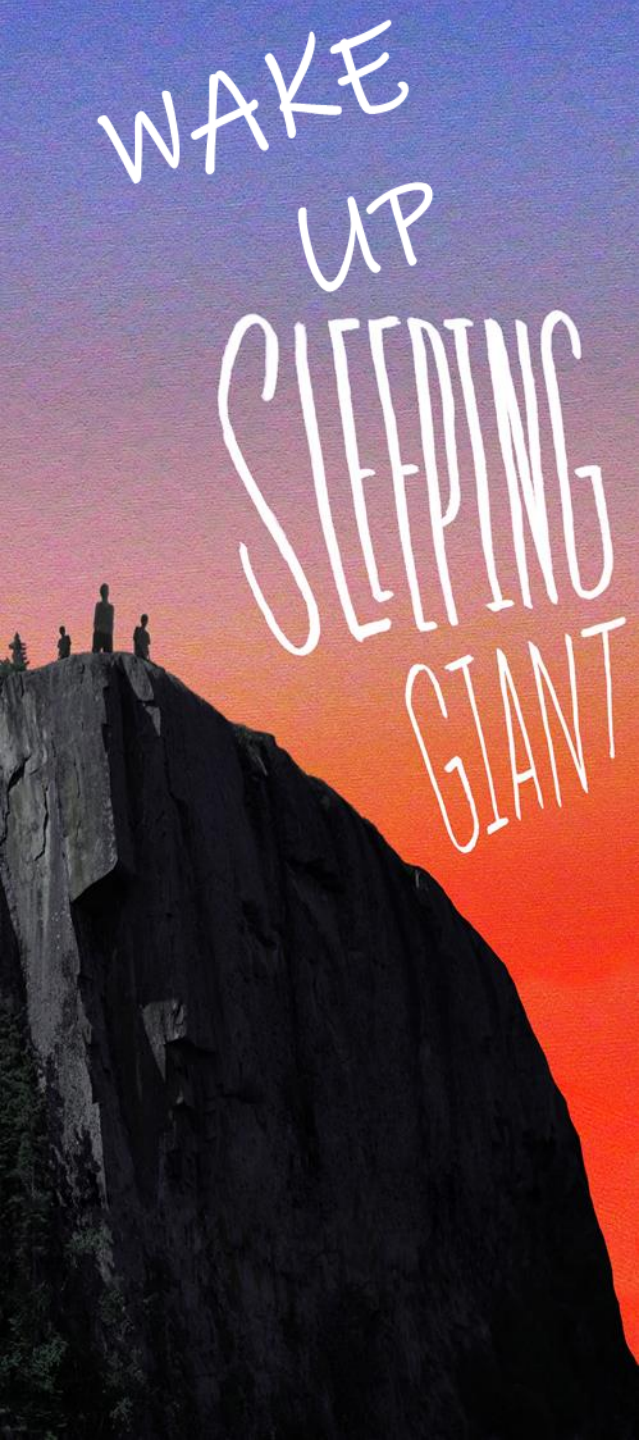
#1: ASLEEP TO THE SPIRITUAL SIGNS: CARELESS & COMPLACENT

- **Matthew 25:5–12 (ESV)** — 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they **all became drowsy and slept**. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'
- **John 4:35** You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, **wake up and look around**. The fields are already ripe for harvest.

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WAKE
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- It is beyond a coincidence that every social indicator took a nosedive once prayer and the Bible were removed from our standard. Add in the fact that relativism was added and the gray area of no absolute right or wrong became individual standards of vacillation, and it should not surprise anyone of the following results:
- Criminal arrest of teens is up 150% according to the US Bureau of Census; teen suicides in ages 15-19 years up 450% according to the National Center of Health Services; illegal drug activity is up 6000% according to the National Institute of Drug Abuse; child abuse cases up 2300% according to the US Department of Health and Human Services; divorce up 350% according to the US Department of Commerce, and SAT scores fell 10% even though the SAT questions have been revamped to be easier to answer.
- Violent crime has risen 350%, national morality figures have plummeted, and teen pregnancy escalated dramatically after prayer and the Bible were removed from the schools.
(Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation)

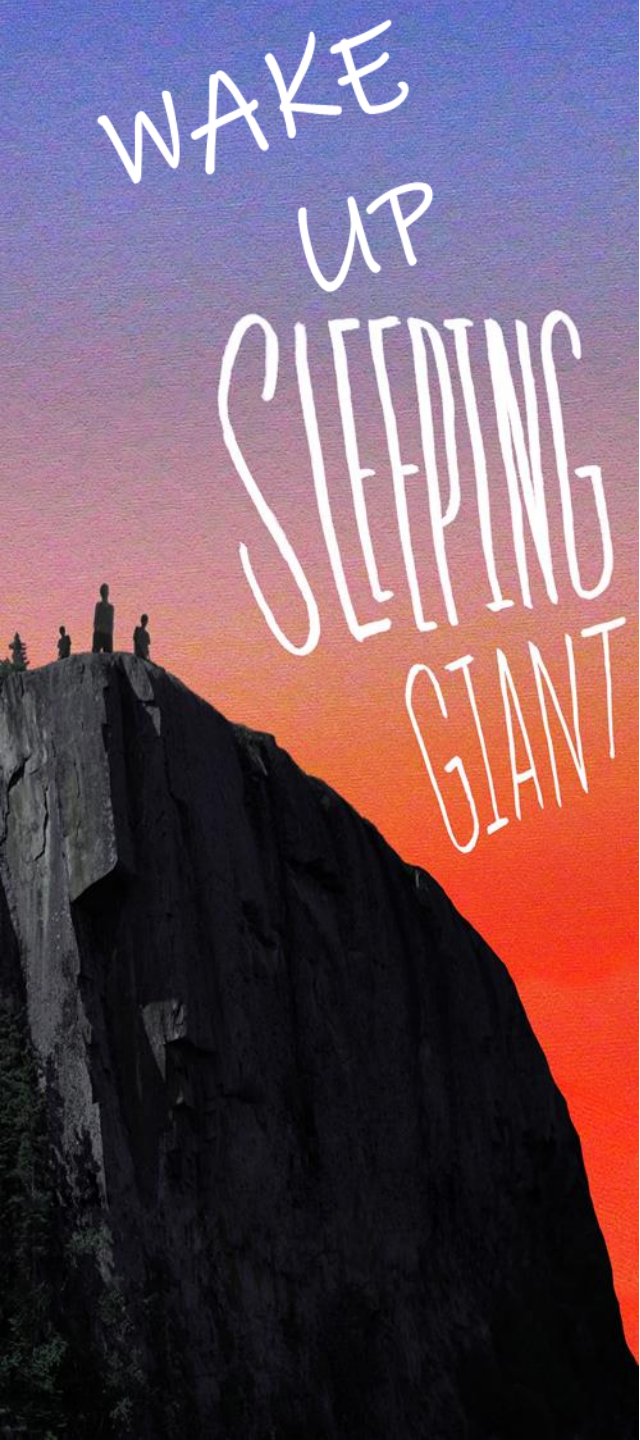


CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SLEEPING CHURCH

#2: ASLEEP TO THE SCHEMES OF THE DEVIL:

Matthew 13:24–26 — 24 He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, 25 *but while his men were sleeping*, his enemy came and sowed weeds (tares) among the wheat and went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also.

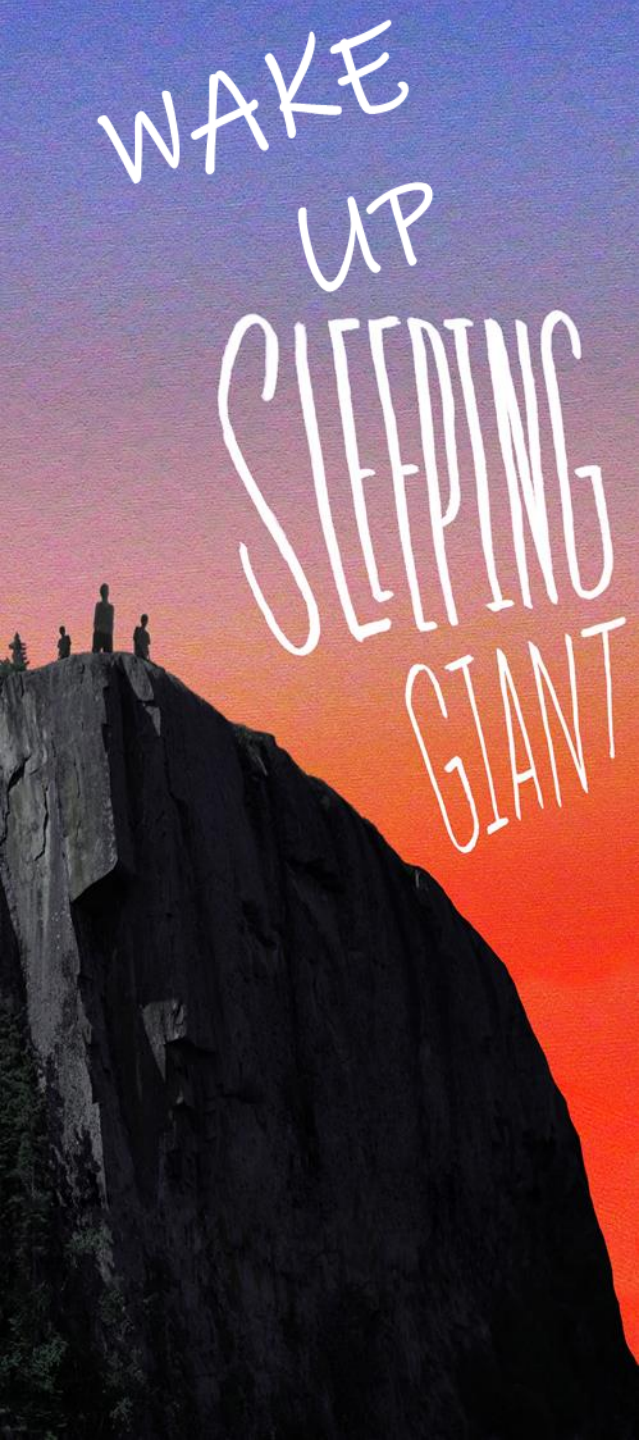
***Tares:** the bearded darnel, mentioned only in [Matthew 13:25-30](#). It is the *Lolium temulentum*, a species of rye-grass, the seeds of which are a strong soporific poison. It bears the closest resemblance to wheat till the ear appears, and only then the difference is discovered. EBD*



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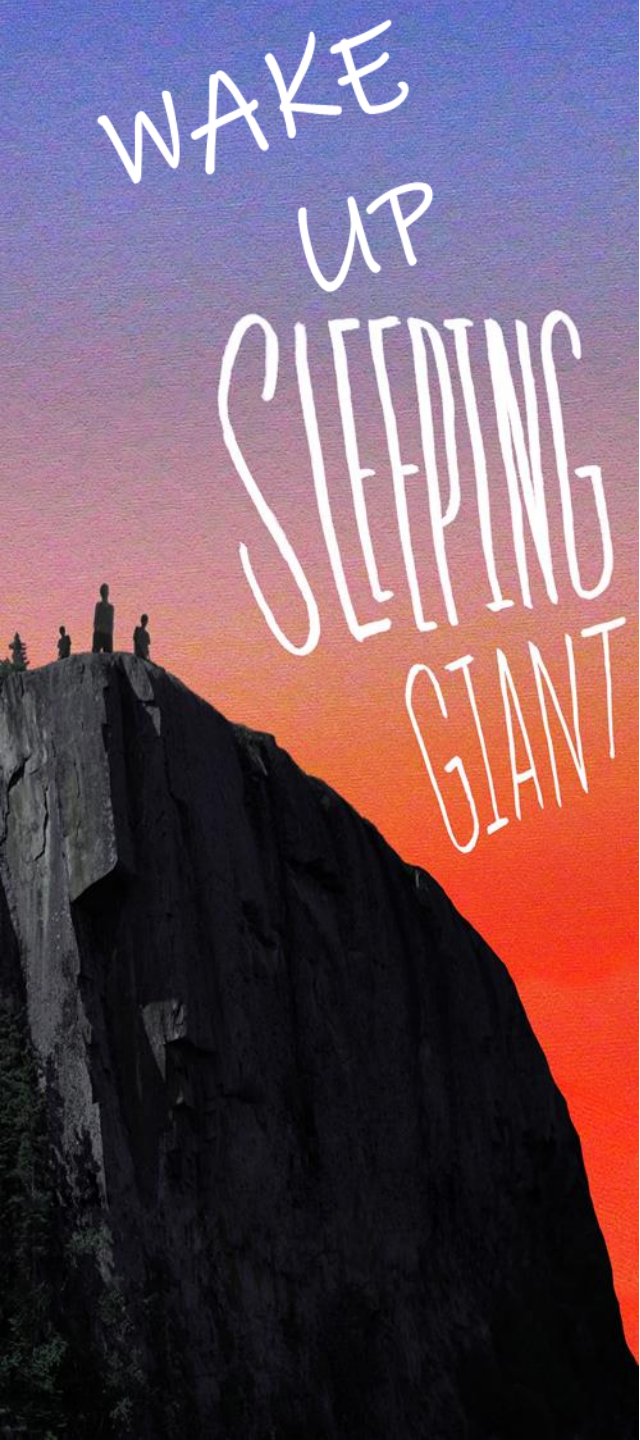
#3: ASLEEP TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD RESULTING IN FRUITLESS AND UNHOLY LIVES

- **1 Corinthians 15:34 (ESV) — 34** Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.
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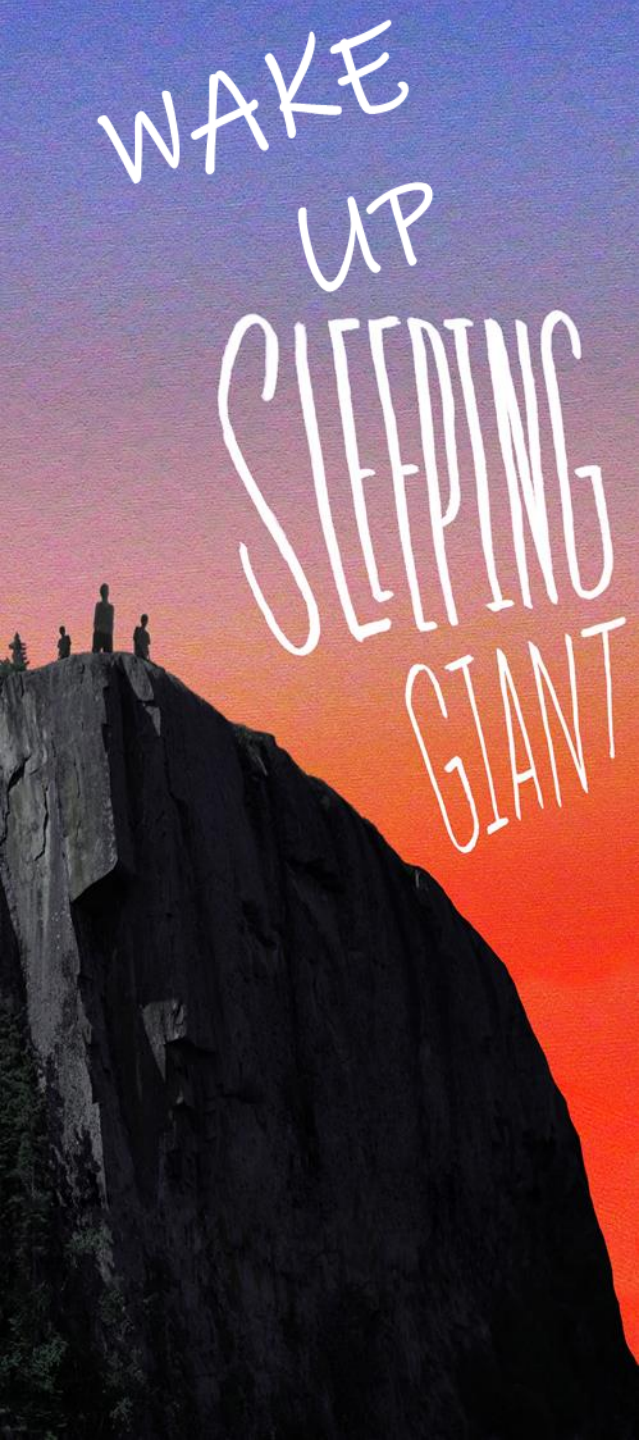
THE SLEEPING CHURCH: FRUITLESS

- **John 15:4–6 (ESV)** — **4** Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. **5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. **6** If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.
- **John 15:16 (ESV)** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.



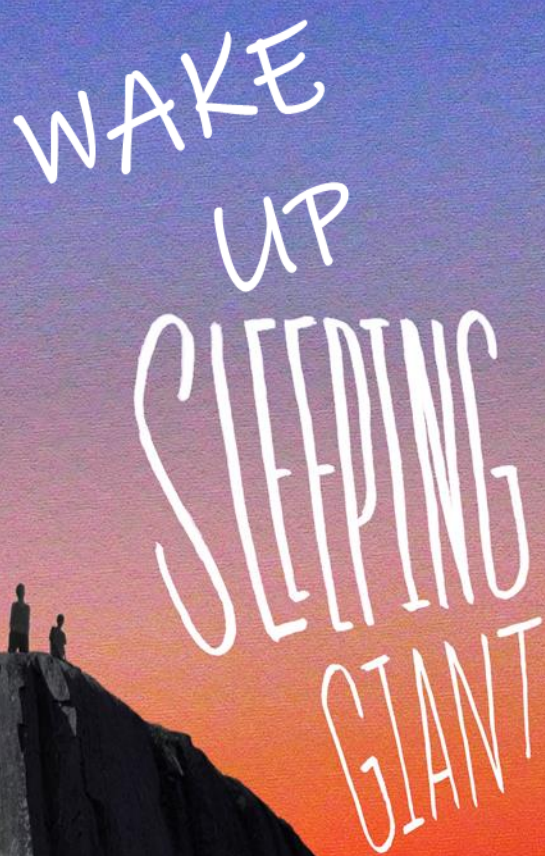
CHARACTERISTICS OF FRUITLESS CHRISTIANS

1. Always talking about glory days...No current testimony
2. Form of Godliness but no power...ritual vs Spirit led
3. Programs without Power
4. Comfortable with a form of religious activity
5. No spiritual warfare or invasion of the enemy's territory → Believers remain in bondage
6. No Spiritual Growth
7. Fall back into old life patterns of sin
8. No Fruit that Remains



THE SLEEPING CHURCH: LACK OF HOLINESS

- **1 John 2:6** whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.
- **1 John 3:6–9** **6** No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. **7** Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. **8** Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. **9** No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.



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WAKE UP THE GIANT: FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

Rev. 3: 4-6

⁴ Yet there are still a few in Sardis who have remained pure, and they will walk *in fellowship* with me in brilliant light, for they are worthy. ⁵ And the one who experiences victory will be dressed in white robes and I will never, no never erase your name from the Book of Life. I will acknowledge your name before my Father and his angels. ⁶ So the one whose heart is open let him listen carefully to what the Spirit is now saying to all the churches.



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