

## Wake up and Live

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### Introduction

1. Ephesians 5:14
2. Millions are asleep, merely exist and do not really live nor do they know how to live.
3. Through Christ all can live an abundant life. John 10:10
4. Let us wake up and start living Ephesians 5:14; Revelation 3:1
5. Many are dead to the work of the Lord and need to wake up

### II Discussion

1. Those choked with sinful pleasures merely exist, are really dead, asleep and need to wake up and live!
  - a. Prodigal son was dead but is alive Luke 15:24, 32
  - b. Widows can be dead but alive 1 Timothy 5:6
  - c. Pleasure can choke the word out Luke 8:14
  - d. Moses chose to live rather than live in pleasure Hebrews 11:24-27
2. All sinners are dead and need to come alive in Christ
  - a. They were dead in trespasses and sins but are made alive. Ephesians 2:1-5
  - b. "Incline your ear and come unto me" hear, and your soul shall live Isaiah 55:3; Psalm 119:50; John 5:25
  - c. Faith is essential to real life John 20:30-31
  - d. Obedience is necessary James 2:17, 26; 1 John 5:11
  - e. Repentance is necessary to have life Acts 11:18
  - f. Baptism is necessary to have new life Romans 6:3-4; 2 Corinthians 5:17
  - g. We must die to sin Romans 6:2; 7:9; Ephesians 2:1
3. Many church members need to wake up and live a more abundant life
  - a. There is a more abundant life here and hereafter than most of us have ever thought possible John 10:10; Ephesians 5:14
  - b. We need to stop worrying and start living. Matthew 6:22-34; 1 Peter 5:7; Hebrews 13:5-6; Philippians 4:11; 1 Timothy 6:6-17
  - c. We need to put away fear and start living Proverbs 3:5; Matthew 10:28; Hebrews 13:5-6; Psalm 23:4
  - d. We need to stop murmuring and complaining and start living 1 Corinthians 10:10; 1 Peter 5:6-7; Philippians 2:14
  - e. We need to stop destructive thinking and begin to think constructively Proverbs 4:23: 23:7; Philippians 4:8; 3:13-14
  - f. We need to wake up and begin to believe we can succeed Philippians 2:13; 4:13
  - g. We need to raise our sights and keep our eyes on the goal. Colossians 3:1-2; Hebrews 12:1-2; Philippians 3:13-14; Luke 9:62

### III Conclusion

1. Are you awake?
2. Why not wake up and live right now by obedience to the Gospel
3. Been awake but have fallen asleep the wake up and start living again
4. Do this now!

Source: Gus Nichols Sermon Outline