



Thursday Thought

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Wake-Up Call

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Verse for the week: Ephesians 5:14 (NLT) “Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

Have you ever set your alarm only to have it not go off? That happened to me recently when I was supposed to get up very early. I was lying in bed when I heard the neighbor's donkey braying and I thought to myself, “there must be a coyote out there for him to be braying in the middle of the night!” I opened my eyes and realized it wasn't dark, it was daylight. I quickly looked at the clock and it was an hour past the time I was supposed to get up. I jumped out of bed in order to get ready for an appointment that I was already late for. I decided it was futile to try to make it to the appointment so I called humbly and gave my regrets. I was frustrated with myself and disappointed that I missed the appointment!

According to merriam-webster.com, a “wake-up call” is: “something that makes you fully understand a problem, danger, or need.” We all have wake-up calls from time to time. Maybe it's being admitted to the hospital, getting fired from a job, getting into an auto accident, or having a confrontation with a spouse, parent, or even God. These wake-up calls cause us to realize the immensity of the situation and in many cases the brevity of life. What do you do when you get a wake-up call? Some people do nothing and let things continue to spiral downward. Others attempt to make changes on their own with no accountability. A wise person will gather accountability partners (people that will get on our case if we aren't doing it) to help make the necessary changes in life. **Proverbs 15:22 (NLT)** says, “**Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success.**” A wise person will also develop an action plan and have a strong determination to change. When we develop a plan of action for change, gather accountability partners around us, and have a strong determination, we will change.

Question to ask yourself: What area in your life do you need to change before it's too late? Develop a plan of action, gather some accountability partners, and be determined!