



“Seize the Day”

Romans 13:11-14

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The metaphorical moments before dawn represent _____ . v11

11 [Do] this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. [Rom 13:11]

1. The opportunity for the law of love is _____ . Rom 13:10

10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore **love is the fulfillment of [the] law.** [Rom 13:10]

1) It is _____ .

2) It is _____ . Psa 6:5

5 For **there is no mention of You in death**; In Sheol who will give You thanks? [Psa 6:5]

3) The dawn of the day represents the Lord’s _____ . 1Th 4:16-17

16 For **the Lord Himself will descend** from heaven with a shout, with the voice of [the] archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. [1Th 4:16-17 NASB95]

2. Night and Day are metaphors for the coming _____ county. v12

12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. [Rom 13:12 NASB95]

1) Night represents life in the world under the _____ . Rom 8:20-22

20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that **the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth** together until now. [Rom 8:20-22]

2) Day represents the _____ heavens and earth. Rev 21:1

1 Then I saw a **new heaven** and a **new earth**; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer [any] sea. [Rev 21:1]

3) Lay aside the deeds of darkness = _____ . 1 Jn 2:17

17 **The world is passing away**, and [also] its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever. [1Jo 2:17]

4) Putting on the armor of light = _____ . Mt5:16, Eph4:24

- 16 "Let **your light shine before men** in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. [Mat 5:16 NASB95]
- 24 and **put on** the new self, which in [the likeness of] God has been created in **righteousness and holiness of the truth.** [Eph 4:24]

3. Walk in _____ . Rom 13:10

13 Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. [Rom 13:13 NASB95]

1) _____ as in the day. Eph 5:8

8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; **walk as children of Light** [Eph 5:8]

2) Do not walk in _____ . 1Jo 1:6

6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and [yet] **walk in the darkness**, we lie and do not practice the truth; [1Jo 1:6]

✱ _____ parties at night. 1Pe 4:3

3 For the time already past is sufficient [for you] to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, **drunkenness, carousing**, drinking parties and abominable idolatries. [1Pe 4:3]

✱ Sexual _____ and unbridled lust. Jde1:4

4 For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into **licentiousness** and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. [Jde 1:4]

✱ _____ and resentful jealousy. Gal 5:19-20

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, **sensuality**, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, **strife, jealousy**, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, [Gal 5:19-20]

3) Clothe yourselves in Christ's _____ . v14, Gal 3:27, Eph 4:24, Col 3:12

- 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to [its] lusts. [Rom 13:14 NASB95]
- 27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have **clothed yourselves with Christ**. [Gal 3:27 NASB95]
- 24 and **put on** the new self, which in [the likeness of] God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. [Eph 4:24]
- So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on **a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience**; [Col 3:12]

✱ How to _____ yourselves in Christ's righteousness.

- Present your body a living sacrifice.
- Be transformed renewing your mind.
- By God's grace use your allotted measure of faith.
- Use your spiritual gift for others benefit.
- Fervently love one another as the family of God.
- Care and share for the brethren.
- Love your enemies and those who persecute you.
- Do not pay back evil for evil, that is to do evil.
- Do good.
- Fulfill the law by the love of Christ.

— Summary of Romans 12 & 13