The Disconnect

Tony Mauck · Romans 13:11–14

INTRODUCTION

- It's hard for us to appreciate what we have and what we know, because we've always known it.
- We get into a spiritual rut, and we're not feeling the things that we ought to feel about God's things.
- When love grows cold, we might think that we're pursuing more, but in reality we're settling for less.

1 What Causes the Disconnect

Matthew 5:48; 2 Corinthians 6:1–2

- We've taken our sight off of spiritual things. There's very little time set aside in our lives to think about the presence of God.
- We're not seeing the ultimate realities because our eyes are trained on the seen rather than the unseen.
- I'll tell you another thing that contributes to the disconnect. Laziness toward righteousness.
- Trust in relative goodness. The fact is that none of us are good as God is good.
- So don't trust in relative goodness or false notions about grace.
- And then there's, as I've mentioned, this distorted view of time. Well, I might need to make some changes, but you know, I'm relatively young.

2 It Is Time for You to Awake

Romans 13:11–14; 1 Peter 2:11

- Knowing the time, that it is already the hour. For you to awaken from sleep.
- Every moment of our lives, we move closer and closer and closer to that inevitable interview with God.
- In light of that, your most urgent business is to put on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- You need to put on his thinking, his values, his affections. See things the way he did.
- You need to establish a plan. And that plan must be I'm not going to make any provision whatsoever for the flesh in regard to its lust.

3 Awake, Sleeper, and Christ Will Shine on You

Ephesians 5:14–17; Malachi 3:10; 1 Corinthians 2

- Awake, sleeper. And arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.
- Making the most of your time because the days are evil.
- Make sure that you are spiritually awakened to the spiritual realities that matter most.

- The reason why you need to be awake spiritually is the colossal benefit that is promised that Christ will shine upon you.
- I need to make assembling with the Lord's people a priority in my life.
- There's a lot of things we enjoy doing, but worshiping God is the ultimate activity here in this world.

4 Let Us Be Alert and Sober

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Colossians 3

- The day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.
- You need to keep that day in your view.
- Let us not sleep as others do. But let us be alert and sober.
- God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ who died for us.
- Therefore, encourage one another and build up one another just as you also are doing.

THE CHALLENGE

Who are you encouraging? Who are you helping?

MY NOTES