I. Awake From Spiritual Slumber (Rm. 13:11)

1. The Romans needed to get out of spiritual slumber into an active life of devotion to God.
   a. Why? Time was and still is ticking!
   b. Why? The longer we stay in wickedness the harder it is to come out of it (Gal. 6:7-8).
   c. We must walk circumspectly, redeem the time, and understand the will of the Lord (Eph. 5:14-17).

II. Spiritual Slumber is Night and Darkness (Rm. 13:12)

1. God called us **out** of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Pt. 2:9).
2. We are to **come** to the light (Jn. 3:19-21).
3. We are to **walk** in the light (1 Jn. 1:1-7).
4. We have to **put on** the armor of light (Eph. 6:11-18; 1 Th. 5:5-9).

III. Walk Honestly as in the Day (Rm. 13:13)

1. To walk honestly (*euschemonos* G2156 adverb) pertains "**to being proper in behavior, *decently, becomingly***" (BDAG 414).
2. Walking in the dark is dangerous (Jn. 11:9-10).
3. Walking honestly in the day means **not** in…
   a. …**rioting** (*komos* G2970 noun) *a revel*, *carousal*, i.e. in the Grk. writ. properly a nocturnal and riotous procession of half-drunken and frolicsome fellows who after supper parade through the streets with torches and music in honor of Bacchus or some other deity, and sing and play before the houses of their male and female friends; hence used generally, of *feasts and drinking-parties that are protracted till late at night and indulge in revelry*; plural [*revellings*] (Thayer 367).
   b. …**drunkenness** (*methe* G3178 noun) "strong drink" (akin to *methu*, "wine,"…), denotes "drunkenness, habitual intoxication" (Vine vol. 2 p. 180).
   c. …**chambering** (*koite* G2845 noun) *cohabitation*, whether lawful or unlawful…plural *sexual intercourse* (Thayer 352).

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d. …**wantonness** (*aselgeia* G766 noun) "*wanton* (*acts* or) *manners*, as filthy words, indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males and females, etc." (Thayer 79-80).
e. …**strife** (*eris* G2054 noun) "strife, quarrel, especially rivalry, contention, wrangling" (Vine vol. 2 p. 126).
f. …**envying** (*zelos* G2205 noun) **intense negative feelings over another's achievements or success** (BDAG 427).

IV. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ (Rm. 13:14)

1. Earlier we were instructed to put on the armor of light (Rm. 13:12).
2. Now we are instructed to put on the Lord Jesus Christ (Rm. 13:14).
   a. They must be related (Rm. 8:29)!
   b. If we follow the Word of God, then we will look like His Son, Jesus (Jn. 14:6, 17:17).
3. In putting on Christ, we are not to provide for fleshly lusts.
   a. provision for (*pronoia* G4307 noun) **thoughtful planning to meet a need, *forethought, foresight, providence*** (BDAG 872).
   b. Do not give any occasion for the devil to strike (Eph. 4:27).
   c. If you have not already, make up your mind **not** to fulfil fleshly lust!