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Paul's main argument

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Thessalonian Christians

**VS**

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**It's easy to see why they said this.**

This sense of peace and security was causing the non-Christians in Thessalonica **to live in a superficial manner.**

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Are we getting **too comfortable** in the way we live our Christian life?



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**Paul's call for us to wake up.**



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**Paul was preaching against getting drunk!**

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**Paul instructs us to be on guard and be sober.**

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

The armour goes on first **before**  
the fight starts.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Why only the breastplate and the helmet?





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**God's unshakable promise!**

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**We ourselves** are the idle ones.

But we thank God for those who reached out to us, who never gave up on us.



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