

# HomeTouch

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**Sunday, April 29, 2007**

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 23**

**TODAY'S THOUGHT:** *Sometimes your medicine bottle has on it, "Shake well before using." That is what God has to do with some of His people. He has to shake them well before they are ever usable.* —Vance Havner

An old mountaineer was undergoing a physical examination. "Have you been sleeping well lately?" the doctor asked. The old fellow thought for a moment, then replied: "I sleep real good nights, and pretty good mornings, but afternoons I just toss and turn."

The old image of sleepwalkers is like that from Abbott and Costello comedies — walking right-angles, with arms stretched straight out in front. True sleepwalkers have no telltale signs. They could be walking, running, lying down. Usually the only indication are wide-open, dilated eyes. Remember Shakespeare's portrayal of the sleepwalking Lady Macbeth: "You see, her eyes are open." "Ay, but their sense is shut."

On several occasions, Jesus warned his disciples to be watchful and alert. He was disappointed when the three disciples of his inner circle literally fell asleep when they accompanied Jesus into the Garden of Gethsemane.

When we're following Jesus, one of the remarkable characteristics we acquire is the ability to be awake — to see the plight of others. When others pass by, refusing to help, Jesus-followers stop and render assistance. When others see past or through the pain of others, Jesus-followers stop to offer comfort.

Let us always try to sharpen our sense of "awakeness," or "awareness," so that we do not become dull to the needs of those around us. When we are able to live like that during the day, we won't have trouble sleeping at night!

**Prayer: Loving God, help me to have a watchful spirit that is always looking out for the interests of those around me. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

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# Activity Page for the week of April 1, 2007

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## Daily Bible Readings

**Sunday:** Deuteronomy 1-3

**Monday:** Deuteronomy 4-6

**Tuesday:** Deuteronomy 7-9

**Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 10-12

**Thursday:** Deuteronomy 13-16

**Friday:** Deuteronomy 17-19

**Saturday:** Deuteronomy 20-22



## SOUNDS THE SAME!

Homonyms are words with the same spelling but different pronunciations and meanings, such as a "minute" (60 seconds) and "minute" (very small). Each sentence below has two blanks that you are to fill with the same word.

1. The strong \_\_\_\_\_ caused the flag to \_\_\_\_\_ around the flagpole.
2. The violinist replaced his violin and \_\_\_\_\_ before returning to the stage to take a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The doctor \_\_\_\_\_ some gauze around her bleeding \_\_\_\_\_.
4. She got a \_\_\_\_\_ in her eye when she saw the \_\_\_\_\_ in her new dress.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ broke out in the last \_\_\_\_\_ of the classroom.
6. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ someone in the \_\_\_\_\_ without water and food.
7. He \_\_\_\_\_ for days because he could not afford the scooter, a bright red \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Our Japanese host asked us not, for his \_\_\_\_\_, to drink all the \_\_\_\_\_ because he needed some for other guests.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ violin player loved to fish, especially for \_\_\_\_\_.
10. In a herd of elk, you'll notice that \_\_\_\_\_ do not have antlers, while the dominant buck \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answers:** 1. wind, 2. bow, 3. wound, 4. tear, 5. row, 6. desert, 7. moped, 8. sake, 9. bass, 10. does