

Vineyard Church of the Peninsula

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(awake and oriented times four)

Following an accident, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) evaluate the level of awareness of all involved parties. The optimum condition, accident or no accident, is to be awake and oriented times four: fully functional, with no presence of confusion or trauma. It demonstrates the greatest degree of clarity and maximum applicable strength and discernment for any situation. Given the forever scope of our royal commission as Ambassadors of none other than the King of Kings, we have an obligation to be intentional in pressing in to our orders, reviewing them regularly, honing our Spiritual gifts, remaining alert to all incoming memos and being dutifully flexible to all changes of plans, however initially disconcerting and/or last-minute. Victory at this involves screening out the onslaught of myriad distractions, refusing to submit to the plague of tantalizing shortcuts and rejecting unauthorized offers of early retirement in sun-soaked Aruba where pristine white sand beaches meet the warm, turquoise waters of the sea.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1. vv. 1-3 - _____ in the ocean of God's truth
2. vv. 4-8 – _____ in moments furnished
3. vv. 9-11 – _____ to the hope of salvation

Be faithful to pray as intercessors who are fully alert and giving thanks to God . . . Walk in the wisdom of God as you live before the unbelievers, and make it your duty to make him known. Let every word you speak be drenched with grace and tempered with truth and clarity. For then you will be prepared to give a respectful answer to anyone who asks about your faith.

Colossians 4: 2, 5-6 The Passion Translation