



Wake Up!

CASE STUDY 1

Todd gets up at 6:00 a.m. every weekday to get to work by 7:00. He would describe that first hour of his day as excruciatingly mundane. He grumbles through it.

Todd's job as an office worker is not much better. It does not excite him. Todd does what he needs to stay unnoticed by management. Most of the people he works with annoy him, so he sticks to himself most of the day.

In the evenings Todd likes to work around his house or in his yard. Or he'll watch a game on TV. Every now and then he'll invite a friend over for dinner.

Every Sunday Todd teaches Sunday School to keep the pastor off his back. Teaching also gives him an excuse for not helping in other ways in the church.

Todd has some sinful habits, but he doesn't consider any of them to be that serious. He doesn't think God probably cares that much about what he does and doesn't do.

1. Describe Todd's reality.
2. What Biblical realities do you think Todd is missing?
3. What specific messages does Todd need to hear from 1 Corinthians 15:34 and Ephesians 5:14–17?
4. How would you describe your reality?
5. What “wake-up call” might you need to hear?