

Live Soberly

1Th 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober (*nepho*). 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober (*nepho*), putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

2Ti 4:5 But watch (*nepho*) thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

1Pe 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober (*nepho*), and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

1Pe 5:8 Be sober (*nepho*), be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly (*sophroneo*), according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Luk 8:35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind (*sophroneo*): and they were afraid.

2Co 5:11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. 12 For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart. 13 For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober (*sophroneo*), it is for your cause.

1Pe 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober (*sophroneo*), and watch (*nepho*) unto prayer.

1Ti 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant (*nephaleos*), sober (*sophroni*), of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

Tit 1:7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; 8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober (*sophron*), just, holy, temperate; 9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Wives:

1Ti 3:11 Even so *must their wives be* grave, not slanderers, sober (*nephaleos*), faithful in all things.

Tit 2:3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober (*sophronizo*), to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Young men:

Tit 2:6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded (*sophroneo*). 7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, 8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

Thayers/Strong's

(*nepho*) - 1) to be sober, to be calm and collected in spirit 2) to be temperate, dispassionate, circumspect

(*sophroneo*) - 1) to be of sound mind 1a) to be in one's right mind 1b) to exercise self control 1b1) to put a moderate estimate upon one's self, think of one's self soberly 1b2) to curb one's passions.

(*sophron*) - 1) of a sound mind, sane, in one's senses 2) curbing one's desires and impulses, self-controlled (moderate as to opinion or passion), temperate

(*nephaleos*) - sober, temperate, that is, (figuratively) circumspect: - sober, vigilant.

(*sophronizo*) - 1) restore one to his senses 2) to moderate, control, curb, discipline 3) to hold one to his duty 4) to admonish, to exhort earnestly

Webster's Dictionary:

Sober:

1. Temperate in the use of spiritous liquors; habitually temperate; as a sober man.
2. Not intoxicated or overpowered by spiritous liquors; not drunken.
3. Not mad or insane; not wild, visionary or heated with passion; having the regular exercise of cool dispassionate reason.
4. Regular; calm; not under the influence of passion; as sober judgment.
5. Serious; solemn; grave. (solemn: impressing or adapted to impress seriousness, gravity or reverence; sober)

Circumspect:

Literally, looking on all sides; looking round. Cautious; prudent; watchful on all sides; examining carefully all the circumstances that may affect a determination, or a measure to be adopted.

Chara: cheerfulness, that is, calm delight: - gladness

Joy:

1. The passion or emotion excited by the acquisition or expectation of good; that excitement of pleasurable feelings which is caused by success, good fortune, the gratification of desire or some good possessed, or by a rational prospect of possessing what we love or desire; gladness; exultation; exhilaration of spirits.

Joy is a delight of the mind, from the consideration of the present or assured approaching possession of a good.

2. Gayety; mirth; festivity.

3. Happiness; felicity.

4. A glorious and triumphant state.

--Who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross. Heb 12.

5. The cause of joy or happiness.

For ye are our glory and joy. 1 Th 2.

6. A term of fondness; the cause of you.