

Watchman Part 1

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Watchman is a watchful soldier who stands in his assigned place and keeps watch. Watchman as a definition we can define as the followings:

- 1- Is a fortified defender:** Someone whose job is to watch a place carefully or protects someone from attack. Is a cover for protection, acting as a custodian caretaker to protect someone/something from harm by something dangerous or unpleasant. He is an accountable person and a sentinel shield.
- 2- Is a guard or a safeguard, to prevent something from being stolen, or to prevent someone from escaping.**
- 3- Is a person trying his/her best to prevent opponent from scoring.**

The watchman is not an ordinary person:-

- A- The watchman has eyes to see, and he sees things that others cannot see. He sees deeper and he sees more details and he sees and recognized certain details that others can not pick up or aware off.
- B- The watchman has a mind who analyze, configure, and link facts together and coming out with a decision and proper action to fulfil his/her duties as a watchman. `
- C- He/she a responsible person who is committed to the noble and critical task that assigned for him/her to do.
- D- He/she is highly alert, quickly warned and rapid in taking, tactful and wise in action with less effort and high yield.

“Isaiah 62:6-7, ⁶‘I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest, ⁷and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.’” Jerusalem for us today is the Church, and as in the past the Lord had posted guards or watchmen around the city of Jerusalem to protect it, the Lord had called every Christian today to be faithful and trustworthy person to watch and care for the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. As Christ died for your sins on the cross to give you eternal life then he wants you to be faithful and obedient to Him to watch and care for His church. As the church is expanding and reaching new areas with the gospel, God calling each and every members of the church to be more mature, committed and responsible. Therefore there is a need for watchmen around the city of God, the church, to be responsible to watch over and give warning to protect the church members and workers from the enemy and save the people from harm. The **posted watchmen** needed for the following:

1- Watch your life: *“Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.” (1Timothy 4:16)* The watchman should keep reading the bible to build his life through the Word of God and to correct himself/herself when it is needed: *“22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive*

yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does.” (James 1:22-25) The watchman looks intently into the word of God and applies what he read. The watchman read the word of God to see his life and if he is under temptation so he will pray to be delivered from the evil one, *“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Mark 14:38)*

2- Watch and pray: *“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” (Colossians 4:2).* The watchman his ears and eyes are sensitive to what he hears or sees and respond in prayer to each and every situation that needs God’s intervention. *“The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.” (1Peter 4:7)*

3- Watch to warn others: *“1 The word of the LORD came to me: 2 'Son of man, speak to your countrymen and say to them: 'When I bring the sword against a land, and the people of the land choose one of their men and make him their watchman, 3 and he sees the sword coming against the land and blows the trumpet to warn the people, 4 then if anyone hears the trumpet but does not take warning and the sword comes and takes his life, his blood will be on his own head. 5 Since he heard the sound of the trumpet but did not take warning, his blood will be on his own head. If he had taken warning, he would have saved himself. 6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes the life of one of them, that man will be taken away because of his sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for his blood.' 7 'Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. 8 When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. 9 But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself.” (Ezekiel 33:1-9)*

4- Watch to protect others: *“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.” (Hebrews 13:17)* The leaders of the church watch the church members in order to warn them to protect them from the following dangers:

- A- **The dangers of those who cause division and lead the people into wrong direction:** *“28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. 29 I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. 30 Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. 31 So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.” (Acts 20:28-31)* *“I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who*

cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.” (Romans 16:17)

B- The danger of the false teachers and false prophets: *“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.” (Matthew 7:15) “Be careful,” Jesus warned them. “Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod.” (Mark 8:15)*

C- The danger of false Christ: *“4 Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.” (Matthew 24:4-5)*

5- Watch to care for the new mission fields and the various widespread church congregations: *“2 Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve.” (1Peter 5:2) “And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.” (Luke 2:8) God call us to watch, care and nurture the souls of the new congregations.*

6- Watch and continue to do the task as you are watching for the second coming of the Lord: The second coming of the Lord no one knows which time, therefore we need to be ready spiritually to meet Him on the air: *“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” (Matthew 24:36) “42 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.” (Matthew 24:42-43) God wants you in service unto Him: “35 Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, 36 like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. 37 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. 38 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. 39 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.” (Luke 12:35-40) The second coming of Christ is reward to us, we who are serving Him to spare us the tribulation time that will take place after the church is catch in the air “36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.” (Luke 21:36) “35 Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back--whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: “Watch!” (Mark 13:35-37)*

My dear and Beloved: Apostle John said, *“Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully.” (2John 1:8)* Meditate on the message and work it out with The Holy Spirit to take your active part and to fulfil your duty and call, being a watchman, as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the Cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I commit my life fully into your hand. Lord transforms me in the way that you want me to be so that my life will be good example to others to follow. Lord equip me with strength, patience and humility to achieve your purpose in my life, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.

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