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### BE WATCHFUL

Being watchful is something that is throughout Scripture either directly stated or implied. It is inclusive of various versions in the Word of God but saying the same. Watchfulness is extremely important as we give ourselves over to being watchful we are able to see hidden dangers and avoid them, which those who are not watchful cannot see and stumble into the sorrows that await them. These sorrows are extremely heavy.

Evil is always present in our fleshly nature and the heart of this nature. In addition evil is present in spiritual darkness which is by Satan and his evil spirits. With this being said, deceit is ever present waiting to settle in one's heart and mind where it has not been previously settled, in order to work its destructiveness.

Before we look deeper in the Word of God let us define Watch and Watchful.

Watchful – To take heed (pay attention to listen and consider), be on your guard, be attentive. Be mindful, and observant. Awake, not sleep.

Watch- Stay awake at night. Spiritually during dark times as in grief, depression, distress, weakness, temptations, desires of the flesh i.e. lust and greed. Pay close attention to not let go of the things you have learned and been assured of. Guard your heart.

Vigilant- Be on the alert for danger or error. Circumspect. Keenly watchful to detect trouble. Antonym; Slack, lax, careless, negligent.

Detect- To discover, determine, ascertain and learn the existence, presence or fact of. To discern something subtle or hidden. To discover the unconcealed or the underlying nature.

*Watch so that you will know the truth*

***John 8:31-32 (KJV) 31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (Jn.17:17)***

During the past five years many of you have heard the saying, “**Be Watchful.**”

1. What did or does this mean to you?
2. What have you seen, experienced or learned by being watchful?

What are we to watch for?

What are we to watch to do?

**Matt 26:41 (KJV)**

**Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**

**Matt 24:42-44 (KJV) 42 Watch therefore: for you know not what hour your Lord doth come. 43 But know this, that if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.**

**Col 4:2 (KJV) Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;**

**1 Thess 5:1-7 (NET) 1 Now on the topic of times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. 2 For you know quite well that the day of the Lord will come in the same way as a thief in the night. 3 Now when they are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction comes on them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will surely not escape. 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in the darkness for the day to overtake you like a thief would. 5 For you all are sons of the light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of the darkness. 6 So then we must not sleep as the rest, but must stay alert and sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night and those who get drunk are drunk at night.**

**2 Tim 4:3-5 (KJV) 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.**

**1 Pet 5:8 (KJV) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walk about, seeking whom he may devour:**

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