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Watch Out!

The Word of God warns us to **watch out** as we navigate our daily Christian journey. The KJV Dictionary defines watch as, *to be attentive, close observation, to keep guard, to be awake*. To **watch out** you must beware, open your eyes wide, and pay extra careful attention.

Someone might ask the question, why do we have to watch out? First Peter 5:8 tells us, *“Because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”* Peter warns us to **watch out** for Satan when we are suffering or persecuted. Feeling alone, weak, helpless, and cut off from other believers, so focused on our troubles that we forget to watch for danger, we are especially vulnerable to Satan’s attacks.

We must watch out how we are walking as we navigate through this Christian journey. *“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit”* (Galatians 5:25). God is interested in every part of our life, not just the spiritual part. As we live by the Holy Spirit’s power, we need to submit every aspect of our life to God—emotional, physical, social, intellectual, vocational. **Paul is telling us, “If you are saved, so live like it!”** Since the Holy Spirit is the source of our new life, so walk with Him. **God wants us to live in constant awareness of the ticking clock and make the most of the time we have.** Moses’ prayer in Psalm 90:12 says, *“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”*

We must watch out how we speak, *“Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles”* (Proverbs 21:23). The person who knows when to speak and when to be silent; takes heed to their words, keeping their soul from troubles. **The Holy Ghost will give us increasing power to monitor and control what we say.** James 3:10 says, *“Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.”*

We must also watch out what we put on, the Word of God let us know we must put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof, put on charity, put on the whole armor of God, and be clothed with humility. When we put on Christ through baptism it shows our solidarity with the death, burial and resurrection. Although we have a new nature, we don’t automatically have all good thoughts and attitudes when we become new people in Christ. But if we keep reading the Word of God and listening to the preached messages, we will be changing all the time.

However, we need to know how to avoid temptation, Jesus tells us in Matthew 26:41, *“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”* **The way to overcome temptation is to be alert to it and pray.** Being alert means being aware of the possibilities of temptation, sensitive to the subtleties, and spiritually equipped to fight it.

Watch out who you keep company with, by association, people tend to become like those around them. Even the negative characteristics sometimes rub off. Bad company corrupt good morals (1 Corinthians 15:33). We are to keep our thoughts aligned with the Word of God, so we don’t go astray. The Bible exhorts us to be cautious in our choice of friends. Choose friends with characteristics you would like to develop in your own life. We are to distance ourselves from the person who claims to be a Christian, yet indulges in sins explicitly forbidden. Church leaders must be ready to correct, in love, for the sake of spiritual unity.

Moreover, we must watch out for Jesus’ return! When Christ returns, he wants to find His people clean on the inside as well as on the outside (Ephesians 5:27). Christ’s second coming will be swift and sudden. There will be no opportunity for last-minute repentance or bargaining. We must **“stay awake”** all the time, to live in a state of awareness. Believers should never lapse into the false notion that what happens in this life, from day to day, is all that will ever happen. We that are watching out must realize this life is temporary, and the next life is eternal. The next life can come without warning (1 Corinthians 15:52-53).

The Word of God is warning us to watch out as we navigate our daily Christian journey. People of God **watch out**, where you go, what you say, what you put on, what you do, who you be with, and for Jesus’ return.

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