

Wednesday Word
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Watch

Origin: Old English wæcce 'watchfulness', wæccende 'remaining awake'; related to wakel. The sense 'small timepiece' probably developed by way of a sense 'alarm device attached to a clock'.

Definitions:

- *[WITH OBJECT] Look at or observe attentively, typically over a period of time
- *Keep under careful, protective, or secret observation
- *[NO OBJECT] (watch over) Observe and guard in a protective way
- *Follow closely or maintain an interest in
- *Exercise care, caution, or restraint about
- *[NO OBJECT] (watch for) Look out or be on the alert for
- *(watch it/yourself) [USUALLY IN IMPERATIVE] informal Be careful (used as a warning or threat)
- *[NO OBJECT] archaic Remain awake for the purpose of religious observance

A few phrases came to mind when thinking of this word:

- 1) Watch what you say/watch your mouth
- 2) Watch yourself
- 3) Watch your step
- 4) Watch out/look out

All of these phrases seem self-explanatory but do we truly understand what they mean in God's point of view? If you were a child that talked back or know a child that talks back, their response when you tell them to 'watch your mouth' would be, "How? Take my eyeballs out and turn them around?". If you weren't a child that talked back you may have been that child that waited until your parents were away from you then you said it (that was me as a child). Many of you are probably laughing right now at that response but how often do we have that mentality with our Father in Heaven? He calls us to 'watch' but I dare to say we are watching the wrong thing. We are to be watching the Lord and all that He does. By watching Him, He will expose the plans of the enemy to us.

Holy Spirit has been speaking a phrase to me this past year. I have been hearing Him say, "The Watchmen are on the wall." What I sense in the Spirit with the meaning of this phrase is that there are people God has anointed (we are all called to this but some are more seasoned [awakened] than others) to be careful

observers of the place and time we are in to see the enemy coming. However, at least with myself, I can discern the outside world but not always my inside world which can cause my actions to be not as God would want them.

If we have a hard time discerning our inner world (our behaviors, actions, and thoughts that are not towards God) then we may inaccurately discern what is happening around us.

There is a lot of confusion in the world. There are things that are so but should not be. Here is the bottom line. We are called to watch and pray; watch and see; watch and understand. Sometimes we may catch an attitude because of our lack of knowledge and (yes, again) our lack of trust in the Lord. We need to:

- 1) Watch what we say/watch our mouths.
- 2) Watch ourselves so we don't stumble or cause others to stumble.
- 3) Watch our steps (be in line with the steps the Lord has prepared for us).

Psalm 37:23-24 - The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the Lord upholds him with His hand.

- 4) Watch (look) out for those traps that may be set before us.

Above all we are to watch our Lord who said Himself, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner...." (John 5:19)

[I am taking this message to heart for myself and pray you do also.]

Bible Verses:

Ezekiel 3:16-21 - Now it came to pass at the end of seven days that the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 17 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me: 18 When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 19 Yet, if you warn

the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. 20 "Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. 21 Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; also you will have delivered your soul."

Psalm 127:1 - Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.

Matthew 24:42-51 - Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. 45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. 47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, 51 and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Luke 12:47-48 - And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. 48 But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 - Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. 14 Let all that you do be done with love.

Ephesians 6:14-18 - Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 - But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. 11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

Mark 13:30-37 - Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. 32 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

Revelation 16:15 - 15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

Other Source:

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