

Waiting vs. Vigilance

Waiting is
negative and passive;
vigilance is
positive and active.

Waiting is
resigned and empty;
vigilance is
eager and full.

Waiting
responds and reacts;
vigilance
initiates and probes.

Waiting passes time;
vigilance uses it.
Waiting dulls the senses;
vigilance sharpens them.

Waiting is a drag;
vigilance gives drive.

You tolerate
waiting,
but devote yourself
to vigilance.
You wait for
a chance,
but keep vigil for
an opportunity.
You are distracted
while waiting.
but recollected
when vigilant.

Vigilance is
hanging in there;
waiting is just
hanging around.
Vigilance leads to
preparation;
waiting ends in
exasperation.

Vigilance participates
in life;
waiting makes you
a spectator.

When, therefore,
Scripture says,
“The Lord is coming!”
we are invited
not to wait,
but to be vigilant.

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