Be Vigilant

In order for us to stand firm in this hour, we must be vigilant.

Vigilant – Keenly watchful to detect danger.

In Young People’s Dictionary of Scriptural terms, it is used just twice in the KJV. The most common meaning of the original Biblical Greek word translated as ‘vigilant’ used in Scripture is translated into the English as “watch.” The way in which believers are to watch is very important, and these meanings are also part of the original Greek Word. Vigilant

(1) Christians give ‘strict attention to’ the warnings and exhortations of Scripture.
(2) Christians also live ‘cautious’ in this present evil world.
(3) Finally, vigilant Christians take careful heed, in prayer and reading of the Bible for in these last days perilous times shall come. Not only that but believers must be vigilant to avoid all appearance of evil.

“Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak”. Mark 14:38

“Watch ye, stand in the faith, quit you like men be strong” (I Cor. 16:13).

“Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving” (Col. 4:2)

“Therefore let us not sleep, as do let us watch and be sober (I Thess. 5:6)

To watch is to stay awake and be sleepless.

The world as well as Christians are asleep, and not giving attention to the things of the spirit.

Woe to those that are asleep in Zion. Amos 6:1

Woe is a strong warning.

It is spiritual watching coupled with prayer that gives one strength to survive and overcome temptations and difficult situations.

God is saying it is critical that we are alert in the days to come!

“I will stand on my watch, to set on the tower, and I will watch to see what He will say to me, and what shall I answer when I respond.” Habakkuk 2:1

In the natural we listen to hear what someone is saying. When we are led by the spirit, we watch to hear.

The first level of discernment is observation. The church needs to be the watchman on the wall. There are repercussions for sleeping on our watch.

“But know this that if the goodman 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.” Matthew 24:43

“Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands, to sleep: so shall poverty come as one that travaileth: and they want as an armed man.” Proverbs 24:33

“Be sober, be vigilant: because your adversary the devil is as a roaring lion walking about, seeking whom he may devour.” I Peter 5:8

The enemy has many schemes, and devices planned to take us out, but as we watch, coupled with prayer, God will not allow the enemy to overtake us.

The Bible says watch as well as pray!

The last watch is for the faithful. For in their watch the coming of the Lord will not take them by surprise!

“Watch ye therefore: for know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, watch.” Mark 13:35

Are you watching?

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