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A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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INTRODUCTION:

As Christians, the Lord tells us that we are to “Watch”! The problems for us are: What does the Lord mean by “Watch”? What are we to “Watch” for? How often should we “Watch”? What happens if we do not “Watch”? Etc.

This Study Guide has been written in order to answer these questions as well as many others. Once we learn the answers to these questions, then we Christians will be able to know how to “Watch” and to walk in confidence knowing that we are following our Lord’s Will in these last days.

Today, there are many ‘false prophets and false teachers’ in the churches that are spreading the idea that we do not need to be “Watching” for the Soon ‘Appearing’ of our Lord Jesus. They make fun of those that **are** “Watching”; mostly by quoting the phrase: “You are so Heavenly minded that you are no earthly good!” The Bible, however, teaches us that we are not to get caught up in the things of the world. (Mark 4:18-19) These miss-led individuals keep trying to lead the “Body of Christ” into the cares and riches of the world, and many are buying into their ‘covetous’ doctrine, especially on TV. The Bible teaches:

2 Pet 2:1-3

1 **But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies**, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 **And many shall follow their pernicious ways**; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

3 **And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you**: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

1 Tim 6:6-8

6 **But godliness with contentment is great gain.**

7 **For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.**

8 **And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.**

Of course we know that if God gives us employment in ‘worldly’ positions such as governmental affairs, education, social services, construction, etc., we are to do it as unto the Lord. (Ephesians 6:6-7)

However, we are still not to get caught up in these responsibilities and take our eyes off of the Lord. (Colossians 3:23)

Instead, we are to follow God’s Word, and God’s Word tells us to “**Watch**”!

I. THE MEANING OF WATCH:

The following are the meanings of the word "Watch". The meanings in English are those found in the Dictionary, and the meanings in Hebrew and Greek are those found in the Bible. Of course the meanings in the Dictionary, which is written by man, may or may not be completely correct. They are included merely for our understanding of what man thinks.

The Dictionary states:

watch - **watched**, **watching**, **watches**.

1. To look or observe attentively or carefully; be closely observant. **2.** To look and wait expectantly or in anticipation. **3.** To act as a spectator; look on. **4.** To stay awake at night while serving as a guard, sentinel, or watcher. **5.** To stay alert as a devotional or religious exercise; keep vigil. --*tr.* **1.** To look at steadily; observe carefully or continuously. **2.** To keep a watchful eye on; guard. **3.** To observe the course of mentally; keep up on or informed about. **4.** To tend (a flock, for example). --**watch** *n.* **1.** The act or process of keeping awake or mentally alert, especially for the purpose of guarding. **2.a.** The act of observing closely or the condition of being closely observed; surveillance. **b.** A period of close observation, often in order to discover something. **3.** A person or group of people serving, especially at night, to guard or protect. **4.** The post or period of duty of a guard, sentinel, or watcher. **5.** Any of the periods into which the night is divided; a part of the night. **6. Nautical.** **a.** Any of the periods of time into which the day aboard ship is divided and during which a part of the crew is assigned to duty. **b.** The members of a ship's crew on duty during a specific watch. **c.** A chronometer on a ship. **7.a.** A period of wakefulness, especially one observed as a religious vigil. **b.** A funeral wake. **8.** A small portable timepiece, especially one worn on the wrist or carried in the pocket. **9.** A flock of nightingales. --**phrasal verbs.** **watch out.** To be careful or on the alert; take care. **watch over.** To be in charge of; superintend. --**idioms.** **watch it.** To be careful. **watch (one's) step.** **1.** To act or proceed with care and caution. **2.** To behave as is demanded, required, or appropriate.

The Bible teaches:

WATCH, WATCHING, WATCHED:

Hebrew:

6822 tsaphah (tsaw-faw');
a primitive root; properly, to lean forward, i.e. to peer into the distance; by implication, to observe, await:

KJV-- behold, espy, look up (well), wait for, **(keep the) watch (-man)**.

8245 shaqad (shaw-kad');
a primitive root; to be alert, i.e. sleepless; hence to be on the lookout (whether for good or ill):

KJV-- hasten, remain, wake, **watch (for)**.

Greek:

1127 gregoreuo (gray-gor-yoo'-o);
from 1453; to keep awake, i.e. **watch (literally or figuratively)**:
KJV-- be vigilant, wake, **(be) watch (-ful)**.

3525 nepho (nay'-fo);
of uncertain affinity: to abstain from wine (keep sober), i.e. (figuratively) be discreet:
KJV-- be sober, **watch**.

69 agrupneo (ag-roop-neh'-o);
ultimately from 1 (as negative particle) and 5258; to be sleepless, i.e. keep awake:
KJV-- **watch**.

70 agrupnia (ag-roop-nee'-ah);
from 69; sleeplessness, i.e. a keeping awake:
KJV-- **watch**.

II. WHAT ARE WE TO WATCH FOR:

The most important thing we Christians are to “Watch” for, is the **Soon** ‘Appearing’ of our Lord Jesus Christ! (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)

Titus 2:13

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

2 Tim 4:1

1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

Some are so busy doing the work of the ministry, that they will be disappointed when Jesus comes. Instead we should be focusing on our crown of righteousness and to Love the day of His ‘Appearing’.

2 Tim 4:8

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Even though our **Faith** will be tried and tested, it is more precious than gold, and will bring us praise, honor and glory at His ‘Appearing’.

1 Pet 1:7

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

We are to keep God's Commandments until His 'Appearing'. (1John 3:23)

1 Tim 6:14-16

14 **That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:**

15 **Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;**

16 **Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.**

III. WATCHING IN GENERAL:

The following Scriptures refer to "Watching" in general, and how we are to "Watch".

We are to "Watch" **and** Pray! Especially that we do not enter into temptation. Even though the Spirit of God **in** us is willing, our flesh is weak when it comes to temptation, so don't feed it!

Matt 26:41 Mark 14:38

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

Mark 13:33

33 **Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.**

Jesus has 'Commanded' us to "Watch"!

He has given each one of us authority, and a job to do for Him. Therefore, it is important that He not find us sleeping on the job.

Mark 13:34-37

34 **For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.**

35 **Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:**

36 **Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.**

37 **And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.**

Those Servants that the Lord finds "Watching" when He 'Appears', will be Blessed. (Meaning they will be happy, fortunate, and well off)

Luke 12:37-40

37 **Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching:** verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

It doesn't matter when Jesus comes, whether it is pre-trib, mid-trib or post-trib. What matters is that we His Servants are found "Watching".

38 **And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.**

39 And this know, that **if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched**, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

40 **Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.**

We are to "Watch", to be steadfast in the Faith, to act like **Men**, and to be strong.

1 Cor 16:13

13 **Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.**

We are to "Watch" in prayer **with** thanksgiving.

Col 4:2

2 **Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;**

We are to "Watch" and be **sober** and not to be drunken.

1Thes 5:6-9

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but **let us watch and be sober.**

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and **they that be drunken are drunken in the night.**

8 **But let us, who are of the day, be sober**, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 **For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,**

1 Pet 4:7

7 **But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.**

IV. WATCHING IS PART OF THE MINISTRY:

"Watching" is a part of the Ministry that we approve or commend ourselves as the Ministers of God

2 Cor 6:4-5

4 **But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God**, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, **in watchings**, in fastings;

2 Cor 11:27

27 In weariness and painfulness, **in watchings often**, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

As Christian Leaders we are to "Watch" in **all** things.

2 Tim 4:5

5 **But watch thou in all things**, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Christians are to obey those Leaders that have rule over them in the Lord, because these chosen men and women of God must "Watch" over the souls of the "Body of Christ".

Heb 13:17

17 **Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account**, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

We are also to "Watch" over each other with persistence and petitions.

Eph 6:18

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, **and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints**;

V. WATCHING FOR A WORD FROM THE LORD:

We are to continually "Watch" for a Word from the Lord and to commune with Him.

Hab 2:1-3

1 **I will stand upon my watch**, and set me upon the tower, **and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd.**

2 **And the LORD answered me**, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

VI. A PROPHECY FOR TODAY:

I believe the following Scriptures are a Prophecy for today! I believe that **we are the generation** that will see the fulfillment of God, because **we are the generation** that has seen the rebirth of Israel (the fig tree).

Luke 21:27-36

27 And **then** shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

- 28 **And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.**
- 29 And he spake to them a parable; **Behold the fig tree**, and all the trees;
- 30 **When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.**
- 31 **So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.**
- 32 **Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.**
- 33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.
- 34 **And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.**
- 35 **For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.**
- 36 **Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.**

VII. WATCHING IN VAIN:

I believe the following Scripture is the exact problem with most Americans today. I believe much like the Jews that were looking for **a nation** to save them rather than God, Americans today are “Watching” for America to save them rather than “Watching” for the Salvation of Jesus!! This they do in **vain!!**

Lam 4:17

17 **As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save us.**

VIII. GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS:

There is both good news and bad news in reference to those that will “Watch”.

Those that will “Watch” at the gates and doors of God’s Church will be Blessed.

Prov 8:34-36

- 34 **Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.**
- 35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.
- 36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

We are warned to “Watch” at all times, because we do not know when the Lord will ‘Appear’.

Matt 24:42-51

42 **Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.**

43 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.

44 **Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.**

45 **Who then is a faithful and wise servant**, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

Again we are told that we will be Blessed if we are found “Watching” when the Lord ‘Appears’.

46 **Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.**

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

If we **do not** “Watch”, and believe in our heart that the Lord is delaying His ‘Appearing’, and we begin to live worldly; we will **not** go in “The Translation of the Church”.

(Read the Study Guide “The Translation of the Church” by Timothy II)

48 **But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;**

49 **And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;**

50 **The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,**

51 **And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

We are therefore warned again to “Watch”, because we do not know the day nor the hour when the Lord Jesus will ‘Appear’. (Luke 19:13)

Matt 25:13-30

13 **Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.**

14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

We are encouraged to use the **talents** according to the abilities that God has given to each one of us for His Glory.

15 **And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability;** and straightway took his journey.

16 **Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.**

17 **And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.**

Here we are warned not to bury or hide the **talents** that God has given us.

18 **But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.**

19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

20 And so **he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents**, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

It isn't how much we have done for the Lord, but what we have done with what He has given us!

21 **His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.**

22 **He also that had received two talents came and said**, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, **I have gained two other talents beside them.**

23 **His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.**

Those that have not used the **talents** that the Lord has given them, and have not borne fruit or usury (which means Saved any souls for the Kingdom), will be punished.

24 **Then he which had received the one talent came and said**, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25 And **I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth**: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26 **His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant**, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

27 **Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.**

28 **Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.**

29 **For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.**

And that punishment **is** that they will be cast into "Outer Darkness"!!
(Read the Study Guide "Outer Darkness" by Timothy II)

30 **And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Isa 1:28

28 **And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together,** and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.

CONCLUSION:

The Conclusion of the matter of this Study is the importance of our willingness to “Watch”. This is because Jesus is Coming Soon, and there is not much time left. We Christians not only need to be about our Father’s business, but we need to “Watch” as that day approaches. (Luke 2:49)

Like in the Church in Sardis, **Pastors** need to “Watch” and strengthen the things that remain that are about to die.

Rev 3:2-3

2 **Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die:** for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

This Study Guide is a reminder that if need be, you need to **Repent!** If you do not “Watch” and **Repent** if necessary, the Lord will come on you as a thief and you will not be ready!

3 **Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief,** and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Even though Jesus may come as a thief, if you will “Watch” and **keep** “The Robes of Righteousness”, you will be Blessed.
(Read the Study Guide “The Robes of Righteousness” by Timothy II)

Rev 16:15

15 **Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments,** lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

If you will “Watch” and overcome, you will be clothed in white raiment which is “The Robes of Righteousness”, and you will **not** be erased out of the Book of Life. In other words, ‘no worries mate’!

Rev 3:5-6

5 **He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life,** but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

6 **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**

AMEN!

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