

Dominion Seat of Favor

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Be Vigilant

Text: 1 Peter 5:8

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” We are living in a time where many believers are growing comfortable, but not careful. We are saved, yes. We are redeemed, yes. But we are still in a spiritual battle. The moment a Christian lay down their guard is the moment the enemy looks for an opportunity to strike. The Bible tells us to watch, to stand, and to endure. A guarded life is a victorious life.

The Reality of battle

The Christian life is not to be taken lightly; it is a battlefield. **Ephesians 6:12** states “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world ” This means your struggle is not just natural, it is spiritual. There is an unseen war taking place over your mind, your faith, your calling, and your destiny. When a believer lays down their guard, they become vulnerable not because God has failed, but because they have stepped out of position.

2nd Corinthians 2:11 warns us: “Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”

The enemy studies patterns. He looks for weakness. He waits for moments of distraction.

1. The Call to be Vigilant

Jesus Himself warned His disciples:

Matthew 26:41

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

To “watch” means to stay alert. To “pray” means to stay connected. You cannot separate vigilance from prayer.

Paul echoes this same truth: **Ephesians 6:11**

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

This is not optional, this is daily armor.

- Watch and be Sober (**Thessa. 5:6-8**)
- Take heed, watch and pray (**Mark 13:33**)
- Watch and pray (**Luke 21:36**)

A Christian that is not vigilant is like a soldier without armor, vulnerable and exposed.

2. The Consequences of being Careless

When believers become careless, several things begin to happen:

A. You Become Vulnerable to Temptation

James 1:14-15 “But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own desires, and enticed ”

When your guard is down, temptation doesn’t knock

it walks right in.

Even strong men fell when they stopped watching:

- David (**2nd Samuel 11**) – When he stayed home instead of going to battle, he fell into sin.

Idle moments can become dangerous moments.

B. You Drift Spiritually

Hebrews 2:1

“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed, lest at any time we should let them slip.”

You don’t fall overnight, you drift gradually.

- Prayer life weakens
- Word life declines
- Conviction becomes dull

And before you know it, distance replaces devotion.

C. You Give the Enemy an Advantage

Ephesians 4:27

“Neither give place to the devil.”

When your guard is down, you give space for the enemy to operate.

Peter thought he was strong, but when he stopped watching, he denied Jesus (**Luke 22:31–34, 54–62**).

D. You Risk Spiritual Damage and Loss

1st Corinthians 10:12

“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”

There are consequences:

- Broken fellowship with God
- Damaged testimony
- Lost opportunities
- Spiritual regret

Sin always costs more than you planned to pay.

3. The Benefits of being Alert

A. You Walk in Victory

1st John 5:4 “This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.” A guarded believer is a victorious believer.

Victory is not accidental, it is intentional.

B. You Resist the Enemy Successfully

James 4:7 “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

When your guard is up, the enemy doesn’t stay, he flees.

C. You Maintain Spiritual Strength

Isaiah 40:31 “But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength ”

Vigilant Christians are strong Christians.

- Strength in prayer
- Strength in the Word
- Strength in character
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D. You Preserve Your Calling and Purpose

2nd Timothy 4:7 “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”

When you stay vigilant you finish well.
God is not just concerned about how you start, but how you finish.

4. How Do We stay vigilant?

A. Stay in the Word

Psalm 119:11 “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”

B. Stay in Prayer

1st Thessalonians 5:17 “Pray without ceasing.”

C. Stay Filled with the Spirit--**Galatians 5:16**

My dearly beloved, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. God bless you all !!!!

First Bible Reading: 1st Peter 5: 6-10

Second Bible Reading: James 1:12-26

2026 Motto

This is my year of Divine Fulfillment. According to Isaiah 55: 11, “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it” According to Romans 8: 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. The glory and power of God protect and direct me this year and enable me to succeed in every aspect of my life. Almighty God covers me with his safety blanket this year and I abide under His shadow. I decree that this year is pleasant for me and my family. Wherever I go people see the glory of God shining upon my life. God’s goodness favor and mercy rests upon me wherever I go this year. Almighty God makes a way for me to breakthrough in every aspect of my life. I am an overcomer. Grace and mercy are my daily companions. I abide everyday under the secret place of the most high God. The forces of heaven protect and defend me. This is a year of outstanding testimonies and triumph for me. I receive grace to walk with God faithfully and stand with God in prayer. **2026** delivers my expected blessings and miracles. My divine inheritance of peace and joy shall not be compromised. I reject spiritual, physical and financial embarrassment this year. According to Job 8:22; those that hate me shall be clothed with shame. I am not an image of failure, and I am not fashioned after the likeness of a God of the tail. I am the salt of the earth and inside of me is every Excellency of the power of God. According to Joel 2:4, my appearance is as the appearance of a horse, so I leap high like mighty men and if I fall upon the sword, it cannot hurt me.

I seek first the Kingdom of God; therefore, everything I need is added unto me. I shall not labor in vain. I walk every day in victory. God’s plans for my destiny are fulfilled. Jehovah is my rock and fortress. The everlasting God equips me and carries me through this year. I will not die prematurely; I experience all round wellness. It is well with me in Jesus mighty name.

REGULAR SERVICES:

Worker’s prayer meeting @ 9.30 a.m. –10. 00a.m

Sunday School @ 10.00 a.m. –10.45 a.m.

Sunday Service@ 11.00a.m—12.30 p.m.

Digging Deep—Every Tuesday 7p.m-8p.m

Wednesday prayer meeting @ 7.30p.m—8. 00p.m

Meeting ID: 84263021723

Passcode: 010853

Early morning cry—Every First Saturday of the month—

7 a.m-8 a.m. prompt

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ORDER OF SERVICE

1. OPENING PRAYER
2. PRAISE AND WORSHIP
3. INTERCESSION
4. BIBLE READING
5. ANNOUNCEMENT
6. WELCOME OF GUESTS
7. OFFERING
8. SPECIAL MINISTRATION
9. CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
10. EXHORTATION
11. CLOSING GRACE AND BENEDICTION

Congregational Hymn

O Lord my God When I in awesome wonder Consider
all the works Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the
universe displayed!

Chorus

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee; How
great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my
soul, My Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art,
how great Thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds Sing sweetly in the trees, When I
look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear
the brook and feel the gentle breeze,

And when I think That God, His Son not sparing, Sent
Him to die, I scarce can take it in - That on the cross,
my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died To take
away my sin!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then
I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim,
My God, how great Thou art!

**JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY,
AND TODAY, AND FOREVER” HEBREWS
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