

# Watchmen on the Walls

Compare → “passive” over “active” watching.

Every believer is called to be a watchman!

In ancient times, there were “watchmen” posted on the walls, and also within the city.

- They relayed what they saw to:
  - ...the elders which sat at the gate.
  - ...the porters who controlled the gate.

The Church is called to “watch” for the nation.

- Ezekiel 33:7 – “...to warn the people...”
- Isaiah 62:6 – “...they shall never hold their peace...”

The prophetic / intercessory ministry is a call to be a “watcher” for the Church.

- (Read Ezekiel 3:17 - 21) → It is a visual gift (grace)
- We pray (intercede) according to what we see (in the physical and what God is showing us).

- Where are the watchmen?
- Have we lost our ability to discern? (to judge what we see?)
- Have we fallen asleep / kept quiet / become greedy / turned to our own way / become drunken? (Isaiah 56:10, 11)
- Have we lowered our standard of righteousness?

New Testament word “watch” (1127 *gregoreou*) - To give strict attention to, to be cautious, to actively take heed lest through remission or indolence (laziness, idleness) some destructive calamity suddenly overtake one

Matthew 24:43 - That the thief not enter in and break up your household.

Matthew 26:41; Mark 14:38 – “Watch and pray that you don’t enter into temptation...”

Mark 13:32-37 – Watch so that you do not miss the coming of the Lord.

Luke 21:33-36 – Be on guard that you may be able to escape what is coming upon the earth.

1 Corinthians 16:13 – Our alertness will reflect the firmness of our faith (which is a gauge for our strength and ability to love.)

Colossians 4:2 – You will see things in prayer that you will not see anywhere else.

- Be sober and vigilant! (1 Peter 5:8)