

## Be On The Alert

We are living in the post 9/11 era where danger is lurking on every corner. Terrorists are attacking everywhere, on the planes, trains, street corners, and in any nation. It pays to stay alert if we are to survive in this day and age. But if we are to survive in the spiritual realm we must be on the alert against sin and temptation. “I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue” (Ps. 39:1).

**I. Watch and Pray**..... “Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation, the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak” (Matt. 26:41).

- We are all soldiers in the army of the Lord and we have to stand our guard(watch).
- We must watch out for temptation, because the devil wants to lure us away from the Lord. *Don't get caught sleeping on post.*
- While we are watching we should remain in constant prayer. Jesus said that men ought to always pray and not faint (Luke 18:1).

**II. Watch and Remember**..... “Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears” ( Acts 20:31).

- Paul had warned the church for three years about the ways of the devil, and what is and what is to come.
- We must watch out for the enemy. The devil is like a lion seeking whom he may devour (Rev. 3:2).
- Remember that we serve a mighty God. Mighty in deed and in battle.

**III. Watch and Stand**..... “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.” (I Co. 16:13)

- We need to keep our eyes on the spiritual horizon.
- Then stand and having done all, just stand (Ep. 6:14).
- Hold unto your faith. We want to be pleasing unto God. For without faith its impossible to please him (Heb. 11:6).
- Only the strong will survive; so be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might (Ep. 6:10).