

Keep Wide Awake, Alert, and Watchful Series

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Introduction: 1 Thes 5:6 (AMPC) says, Let us not sleep, as the rest do, but let us **keep wide awake, (alert, watchful, cautious, and on our guard)** and let us be sober (calm, collected, and circumspect).

Whether or not you agree that we are already in the End Times as the Book of Revelation reveals. If we are wrong, then we will be ready ahead of time. If skeptics are wrong, then when the really bad challenges **occur**, they will not be ready. God is warning us to be ready for the Second Coming of Jesus.

Let us purpose not to miss that important event but learn how to implement what Apostle Joshua is teaching us of how to live and remain to be a part of the Glorious Church without spot or wrinkle; and go up in the air to meet Jesus in the Rapture. This teaching will cause you to grow in your Godly Authority and Dominion and become a more confident Christian exercising your Godly Power.

I. Part 1 - God's Prime Directive for His Children.

- A. God has delegated dominion and authority to every Christian.
 - 1. Gen 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth...**subdue it: and have dominion...**
 - 2. Rev 1:17-18 ...Fear not... I (Jesus)...**have the keys of hell and of death.**
 - 3. Matt 16:19 And **I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven...bind... and...loose...**
 - 4. Phil 2:5, 9-11 **Christ Jesus...a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and...confess that Jesus Christ is Lord...**
- B. Does it seem as if the majority of Christians are accomplishing the goal of taking **dominion** over our Earth, as God's prime directive? NO.
- C. What is the definition of Dominion?
 - 1. Webster's defines "dominion" as "Sovereignty, dominant, authority."
 - 2. Many Christians are waiting for Jesus to come solve their problems.
- D. Assignment: Use your delegated authority and take dominion over the challenges you are facing right now.
 - 1. Pray this prayer to take your God-given authority:

- a. Heavenly Father, in the Name of Jesus, I take my Godly Authority and Dominion; and I command and bind satan, all demons, devils, and evil spirits and take your hands off of every area of my life. I will not allow any of you to attack me in any way shape or form! Amen.

II. Part 2 - Christians Need to Practice Using God-given Power.

- A. Can you imagine what kind of a battle it would have been if the Tank Driver was reading the instruction manual along the way?
- B. **Study the Word of God and how to use the Sword of the Spirit.**
- C. Christians should practice and utilize the Favor of God.
 1. Ex 12:36 And the Lord had given the people **favor** in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.
- D. Ten miracles forced Pharaoh to release the Hebrews from slavery.
 1. God parted the Red Sea for the Hebrews to flee from Pharaoh's army.
 2. God drowned the strongest army in the world.
 3. A college professor explained that science proved that could not have happened because the water in the Red Sea at the time was only 10 inches deep. A student replied, Praise the Lord that God drowned the entire Egyptian army in 10 inches of water!
 4. With God, the Hebrews annihilated the mightiest army in the world without shooting one arrow!
- E. Don't waiver in doubt and unbelief, but walk in faith and victory.
- F. Deut 1:21 Go up and possess it...fear not, neither be discouraged.
- G. All, but 2 spies, were afraid to go take the Promised Land. Deut 1:19-45
- H. Do you believe that God can give you victory? Yes!
- I. What if Noah stopped believing in God?
 1. There would be no ark and no human race left.
- J. What if Joseph stopped believing in God?
 1. There would be no food storage and no human race left.
- K. Forty years later, the Hebrews prepared to attack Jericho Josh 2:9-11 and found out, through Rahab, that the people were afraid of the Hebrews.
- L. Assignment: Keep Wide Awake, Alert and Watchful by praying the Confession of Favor Prayer to win every battle and challenge you face.

CONFESSION OF FAVOR PRAYER

In the Name of Jesus, I am the righteousness of God. Therefore, I'm entitled to covenant kindness and covenant favor. The Favor of God is among the righteous. The Favor of God surrounds the righteous. Therefore, it surrounds me everywhere I go, in everything I do, and I expect the Favor of God to be in manifestation.

Never again will I be without the Favor of God. It rests richly upon me. It profusely abounds in me. And I am part of the generation that is experiencing it immeasurably, limitlessly, and surpassingly. Therefore, favor, favor, favor produces supernatural increase, promotion, restoration, honor, increased assets, greater victories, recognition, prominence, preferential treatment, petitions granted, policies and rules changed, and battles won in which I do not have to fight.

Favor, favor, favor is on me, and goes before me. Therefore, my life will never be the same. This year and every year, I thank You, Lord, that I have the Favor of God in my life! Amen.

III. Part 3 - What to Do to Keep Wide Awake, Alert, and Watchful.

- A. The Hebrews should not have listened to the lies of the devil who said they were like grasshoppers in the sight of the giants. Num 13:32
- B. Many Christians believe that they are like grasshoppers instead of believing that they are More Than Conquerors in Christ Jesus. Rom 8:37
- C. Other Things to Do to Keep Wide Awake, Alert, and Watchful.
 1. Get alone in a private place to spend more time **communing with** God and praying. 2 Cor 13:14
 - a. Communing with God is sharing and talking with Him as your Abba Daddy, your Heavenly Father, like Adam and Eve experienced.
 2. Turn off your TV, computer, and cell phone.
 3. Don't get distracted.
 4. Eph 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, **according to the power that works in us**.
 5. With the few fishes and loaves, Jesus fed 15,000 – 20,000 people with left-overs. You can do exceedingly abundantly great things for God too!
- D. Occupy until Jesus comes and Keep Wide Awake, Alert, and Watchful.
 1. Nowhere in the Bible does it say to wait and do nothing until He comes.

- a. The Bible does not say that Christians will be taken out of this earth before trouble comes because Jesus prayed to the Heavenly Father, "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one." Jn 17:15
 2. Avoid this: I never knew you, depart from me. Matt 7:23
 3. Desire this: Well done, good and faithful servant. Matt 25:23
 4. Luke 19:12-13 A certain nobleman delivered to his 3 servants ten pounds (minas) and said unto them, occupy till I come.
 5. Occupying until Jesus comes means to expect the 2nd Return of Jesus.
 6. Be patient until the coming of the Lord is near. James 5:7-8
The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil.
 7. Luke 12:37, 40 (AMPC) 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master finds **awake and alert and watching** when He comes. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming...when you do not anticipate it.
 8. Romans 8:25 With perseverance we wait eagerly for it.
 9. Matt 25:1-13 The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins.
 - a. 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.
 10. Matt 25:14-30 The Parable of the Talents
 - a. 14 For the kingdom of heaven is like a man...who called his own servants and...19 After a long time...settled accounts with them.
- E. Assignment: Spend 30 min. alone communing with God.

IV. Part 4 - The Son of Man Will Judge the Nations.

- A. Review of Parts 1-3.
 1. Matt 25:31-46 Shows how the Son of Man will judge the nations.
 2. Matthew 24:40-42 Warns to watch for you don't know when the Lord comes.
- B. Assignment: Take authority like David and defeat every Goliath-like giant challenge in your life.

V. Part 5 - Keep Wide Awake, Alert, and Watchful by Being Sanctified, Pure Consecrated, Preserved, Complete, and Blameless.

- A. Review of Parts 1-4. (AMPC)
- B. God will **sanctify** you, make you **pure, consecrated, be preserved, complete, and blameless** at the coming of our Lord Jesus. 1 Thes 5:23

1. Become imitators of the Lord in spite of persecution. I Thes 1:6
2. Lean on Jesus in His power, wisdom, and goodness. 1 Thes 1:7
3. Jesus rescues Christians from the sinners' punishment and deposits to us the privileges and rewards of the new life in Christ. 1 Thes 1:10
4. Be not led astray by the coming difficulties. 1 Thes 3:2-3
5. Continue to pray that you see Jesus face to face. 1 Thes 3:10
6. Mend what is lacking in your faith as Jesus guides you. 1 Thes 3:11
7. Excel and overflow in love for one another. 1 Thes 3:12
8. Please God attaining greater perfection. 1 Thes 4:1
9. Be consecrated and separated for pure and holy living. 1 Thes 4:3
 - a. Abstain from all sexual vice, control your own body. 1 Thes 4:3,4
 - b. Do not be in passion of lust like the heathen, don't defraud your (Christian) brother, the Lord is your avenger. 1 Thes 4:5,6
10. Live peacefully, minding your own affairs. 1 Thes 4:11
11. Work honorably and command the respect of the outside world, being self-supporting, not dependent on others. 1 Thes 4:12
12. Don't grieve for the dead as the rest do who have no hope. 1 Thes 4:13
13. Those alive and **remaining** shall meet the Lord in the air! 1 Thes 4:17
14. You will not be surprised suddenly when that day comes like a thief in the night. 1 Thes 5:4
15. Put on faith, love, and hope. 1 Thes 5:6
16. Be unceasing in prayer. 1 Thes 5:17
17. Thank God in everything no matter the circumstances. 1 Thes 5:18
18. Do not quench (suppress or subdue) the [Holy] Spirit. 1 Thes 5:19
19. Do not spurn the gifts and utterances of the prophets [do not depreciate prophetic revelations nor despise inspired instruction or exhortation or warning]. 1 Thes 5:20
20. But test and prove all things [until you can recognize] what is good; [to that] hold fast. 1 Thes 5:21
21. Abstain from evil in whatever form it may be. 1 Thes 5:22
22. He who overcomes shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be My son. Rev 21:7

C. Assignment: Keep Wide Awake, Alert, and Watchful by being sanctified, pure, consecrated, preserved, complete, and blameless!