

## Church Stewardship

### "Watch and Pray"

Scripture commands us to watch and pray. In fact, Jesus commands as often to "watch and pray" as to "go into all nations."

Prayer is communion with God - and it changes us to be like God. Many may think that through prayer we can control God. In truth it's more the other way around. As we commune with God our desires more clearly line up with his will. Prayer preserves holiness in our lives. Prayer is about personal holiness.

As for the watching, the Old Testament is filled with the illustration of the watchman on the tower. The watchman did not watch only for himself. His purpose was to watch for his community. When Jesus commands us to watch and pray, he means that we must concern ourselves with our personal sanctification, done through the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. He also means that we must concern ourselves with the community around us - our neighbors.

As an aside, I should make clear right now that I am not affiliated with nor do I recommend an organization called the Watchtower Society. This is an organization of the Jehovah's Witnesses, and is a cult. The JW's deny the deity of Jesus. If anyone has any questions, call me in the evenings and I will show you why this organization is an evil deception that perverts Scripture and the truth of God.

Regardless of the JW's use of the

term "watchtower," it is clear from Scripture that God meant for us to watch like the watchman of the Old Testament. The watchmen of the Old Testament had very specific duties and responsibilities. These are outlined very clearly in Ezekiel 33 (see box).

The bottom line is that if the watchman warned his neighbors of impending invasion, he was honored. If the watchman failed to warn his neighbors

of the invasion, he was guilty of their deaths. A watchman's responsibility was not to sit around gawking like some motorist driving past a stalled auto on the highway. The job of the watchman is to warn! He is to issue a call to battle!

And now I warn you.

Satan and his demons are on the attack in our country. The attack is very strong on the civil government front. The federal government has,

since 1973, sanctioned the killing of human beings in their mother's wombs. What foul malice - to maim before birth? What depraved mind invents such mayhem? Brothers and sisters in Christ, I tell you that now in many cases they pull that little baby out of it's mom's womb legs kicking and hands waving, and as long as that poor baby doesn't breathe first, the government allows the killer to shove a tube into that baby's skull, and use a vacuum to suck out that baby's brains.

Do you hear the lion's roar?

1. Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: 3 If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; 4 Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. 6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take [any] person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. - Ezekiel 33

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Most of us have taken the correct position that life begins at conception. Have we also realized that most forms of birth control cause abortion? The Pill prevents a fertilized egg – a human being – from implanting in the uterus. The new human life is abandoned by it's mother's womb and eventually flushed down the toilet. In many cases, Christian women have not even been warned that this is happening. The devil gurgles with delight as the members of the body of Christ kill their own children in ignorance.

Do you hear the roar getting louder?

The government now teaches children in the public schools how to have sex with each other. So-called "Guidance Counselors" drive our daughters to the clinic for abortions without our knowledge or permission. Planned Parenthood representatives smile as they pass out birth control pills like candy for the kiddies. They think they've done a good thing by killing any children produced by fornication, but how many times do they warn these girls and boys of diseases that are epidemic in our land?

Governmental oppression requires that the government identify all the people under it's rule, and then control them by a system of rewards and punishments in order to get the population to do

whatever it wants. Did you know that President Clinton has initiated a national health ID card to track the medical records of every citizen from cradle to grave? Did you know Governor Thompson has already signed legislation to do essentially the same thing in Wisconsin? All the government has to do is tie the health ID number with the social security number and the government will have access to your health records and financial records. This is the precursor to oppression.

The city of Milwaukee is moving to prevent the church from serving the poor or having services if there's not enough street parking. They've proposed ordinances that prohibit acts of charity in certain parts of the city – parts of the city where the church buildings sit! This is persecution – and it's happening right now, right here! I fear that the enemy is not only on the horizon, not only building ramparts against our walls, but is already battling inside the Church. The hour is late.

It's time Christians stop hiding behind the mantra that "I don't get involved in politics because the only important things are those which are spiritual." That's a cop-out. God told you to watch, and if you disobey that command you risk his judgment! Why

watch and warn if God did not intend for us also to be salt and light – to occupy until he comes? To do nothing is to disobey the King of the Universe!

If we saw ourselves as a real city, and we could see the enemy attacking; if the King was expected back and had asked us to be ready then what would his reaction be when he came back to find ramparts against the walls and the enemy fighting in the square while his watchmen sleep in the towers and his citizens don't even know how to arm themselves? Jesus commanded us to be ready. Are we? I long for his appearing. I want our house to be in order when he comes. If he comes to a city under siege, then by his grace may it at least be a city full of armed citizens fighting the enemy, and watchmen warning of the danger.

The hour is late. The enemy roars. It's time for the church to rise up. It's time for Christians to watch and warn! Let's pick up the weapons of this spiritual battle and reclaim the sacred ground we've lost. Not in our own strength, but by the power of the Almighty King of the Universe!

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I implore you. Watch and pray.

Dan and Sherry

## Member's Needs

Konos Curriculum I and or II. Elisa: 785-1955 or dshane@execpc.com.

Vacuum cleaner. Becky: 548-0978 (1)

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Small, battery powered sound system with amp and microphone to do open air ministries. Marshan: 342-5232 (1)

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URGENT NEED: Tires to fit a Toyota Corolla or a VW Dasher. Also need advice regarding repair of a VW with a diesel engine. I am capable of doing the work. Jim or Becky: 548-0978 (1)

# Services

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Luke 6:38

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ABeka Book Sale: Physics book, Solution book, Teacher Quiz & Test books, Student Quiz and Test books: \$30 for set. Analytical Geometry, Text Solution, Student Test and Teacher Answer Key books included: \$20 for set. Chemistry book, Solution book, Student and Teacher Test books included: \$20 for set. Algebra II book with Text Solution, Student Test and Teacher Answer Key books included: \$20 for set. Grade 2 Health, Safety and Manners book with Teacher's Edition: \$5. Paula: 662-2685 (1)

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## About last week's music article

Thank you for the many encouraging words about the article on the use of music in praising our Savior.

For those of you who wrote with concerns about the article, I want to make sure that one point is clear.

Music, nor any activity of man should be used to rebel against God or as an excuse to sin.

Sometimes rebellion is good. We generally think of the revolutionary war as a good thing. I rebel against this wicked culture all the time.

If music leads to rebellion against God, it is wrong. This includes music that brings up bad memories in those that relate the musical style to past sins. This is true for both modern and traditional style music.

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