

Faithful  
*and*  
Ready  
*for*  
Christ's Return



Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

*Matthew 24:42, 44*

**45** “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?”

**46** Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, finds so doing.

**47** Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

**48** But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’

**49** and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards,

**50** the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of,

**51** and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

**Mark 13:37** “And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”

**Revelation 2:7** “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

**First Peter 4:7** “But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.”

Q. Who is watchful here.

“Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.”

**First Thessalonians 5:6–11**

## **How can a Christian be a source of comfort to other Christians?**

1. By Living Spiritually Awake and Alert. “Let us not sleep... but let us watch and be sober.” (v.6)
2. By Faith → trusts God in hard times
3. By Love → cares deeply about God and for others
4. By Hope of Salvation → for yourself and for reminding others of salvation in Christ

Q. Who is watchful here.

“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.”

**Matthew 25: 1-4**

Q. Who is watchful here.

- For example, groups like the Gnostics separate the divinity of Christ from Jesus.
- Or the Catholic Church, which teaches that salvation is not through Jesus Christ alone, but also through the church and sacraments rather than faith in Christ alone.
- Or Jehovah's Witnesses, who believe that Jesus is a created being and that the Holy Spirit is just a force.
- Or the Iglesia ni Cristo in the Philippines, which denies the divinity of Christ and does not believe in the Holy Spirit.
- And many others..."

Q. Who is watchful here.

**John 16:13–15** “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.”

Q. Who is watchful here.

**First Corinthians 2:10–11** “But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.”

You have to be watchful here!

Matthew 25:13 “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”