All Christians Must Watch!
Mark 13:37
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INTRODUCTION
1. In the New Testament, Christians are warned over and over to WATCH—I Thess. 5:6; Matt. 25: 13; I Cor. 10:12.
2. Many will be lost because they did not watch – Rev. 3: 1 – 6.

II. WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THIS DUTY?
1. It is directly opposed to sleep – I Thess. 5:6.
   a. It is the state of wakeful consciousness – Rom. 13:11; Eph. 5;14.
   b. To watch is to be aware of what is going on around one.
2. It is opposed to carelessness.
   a. Paul said, “walk circumspectly” or “look carefully” – Eph. 5:15.

II. WHAT MUST WE WATCH OVER?
1. Over our UNDERSTANDINGS and JUDGMENTS that they are enlightened and influenced only by the truth—John 8:32.
   a. There is always the danger of being caught in the stream of popular opinion and carried away from the truth.
   b. We must watch that we be not deceived – Matt. 24:24.
2. Watch over the PASSIONS of our hearts.
   a. That our love, hatred, and desires be exercised upon proper objects.
   b. Guard, lest they be perverted.
   c. We must watch that we hate not what we should love.
3. Watch the THOUGHTS of our minds.
   a. Mark 7: 20 – 23; Phil. 4:8.
   b. Thoughts are actions in embryo – Prov. 4:23.
   c. We must guard against impure thoughts – Matt. 5: 28.
4. Watch the words of our LIPS.
5. Watch over the ACTIONS of our lives.
   a. We must act from the right motives.
   b. Phil. 1: 27; Matt. 5: 13 – 16.

III. WHAT MUST WE WATCH FOR?
1. For SEASONS of receiving good.
   a. The services of the church.
   b. Gospel Meetings
   c. Being with good men and women – Tit. 1:8.
   a. To the souls of men – Gal. 6:1; James 5: 19 – 20; Mk. 16:15 – 16.
   b. To the bodies of men – Matt. 25: 34 – 40; James 1:27.
IV. WHEN WE SHOULD WATCH

1. In times of ADVERSITY and AFFLICTION.

2. In times of PROSPERITY.
   a. One might become high-minded and be filled with pride and forget God – I Tim. 6:17.

3. We should watch as we go about our DAILY LIVES in the world.
   a. That the care of this world doesn’t choke the word – Matt. 13:22.
   b. The lust of other things – Mark 4:19.

4. We should watch in WORSHIP and SERVICE unto God.
   a. That we are sincere – Matt. 6: 1, 5, 16; Matt. 15: 8 – 9.
   b. That it is according to truth – John 4:24.

CONCLUSION:

1. The duty to WATCH is to all.
2. All are exposed to danger.
3. All are frail and fallible.
4. Mark 13:37—“And what I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH!”