

# Ministry of the Watchman

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## **Chapter One: The Basics**

### **2 Corinthians 2:11**

Lest Satan should take advantage of us, for we are not ignorant of his schemes (plans, devises, schemes)

### **1 Peter 5:8**

Be sober, be vigilant, your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour

Sober = be discrete and serious

Vigilant = keep awake and watchful

### **Ephesians 6:18-19**

Praying with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with perseverance and supplication for the saints, and for me . . .

Prayer = earnest prayer and worship

Supplication = request

Watchful = be sleepless, awake

Perseverance = persistent, continuing, not stopping

These Scriptures tell us:

1. Protection from attacks is not automatic  
Our salvation does not mean we are immune from attacks.  
To the contrary, we may come under new attacks once saved.  
However, we are now equipped to deal with those attacks.
2. God's plan for us includes a warning system  
God will alert us before an attack so that we can take action
3. Our job is to remain watchful and alert at all times.  
This means we must walk by the Spirit at all times.
4. If we fail in our duty to be alert and watchful Satan will take advantage of that and we risk being devoured, along with our families, ministry, etc.

### **Genesis 2:15**

Then the Lord to the man and put him in the garden to tend and keep it.

So, the instructions to Adam were to Tend and Keep the garden

To Tend:

Which means to work

### To Keep:

shâmar (*shaw-mar'*)

A primitive root; properly to *hedge* about (as with thorns), that is, *guard*; generally to *protect, attend to*, etc.: - beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep (-er, self), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

So, God warned Adam of the need to guard what was given to him.

However, Adam failed to do it.

And here we are now suffering the consequences because of it.

### To Watch or Tend:

It is to guard, protect and preserve through watching and staying alert:

Picture a sentry or a guard

Like at every army base – at the gates is a guard

They are there 24/7

Someone is always awake and on post

## **Biblical Watchman**

### 1. Watching and protecting crops and livestock

From attack and theft

**John 10:10**

The enemy comes to steal, kill and destroy our harvest

### 2. Stationed on the wall of cities to guard the city

**Isaiah 21:6-8**

Thus, says the Lord, “Go set a watchman, and let him declare what he sees”.

**Isaiah 62:6**

I have set watchmen on your walls, Oh Jerusalem, They shall never hold their peace day or night.

Duties were to watch for:

▪ Messengers

▪ Enemies

**2 Samuel 18:27**

Open the gates for true messengers

Close the gates to enemies and sound the alarm

So, the warriors could get to their posts to defeat any attack.

When watchmen are in place

We will not be caught off guard

## **How this ministry works:**

We partner with God in guarding and protecting that which is given us.

We speak – God Listens  
God speaks – We listen  
We pray what God speaks – God answers

Watchman are set:

Over whole regions  
Cities  
Churches  
Families  
People  
Ourselves

Everyone can and should operate under the anointing of the watchman

Everyone is set over some sphere of influence

But for some this is their primary ministry:

### **Ezekiel 3:17**

Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel, therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning for Me.

The watchman ministry is a prophetic ministry:

In other words, revelation/information comes from God to the watchman:

### **Ezekiel 3:22**

Then the hand of the Lord was upon me there, and He said to me, “Arise, go out into the plain, and there I shall talk with you.”

The watchman will flow in these spiritual gifts:

Discerning of Spirits  
Prophecy  
Tongues  
Some will flow in Interpretation of Tongues  
The gifts of word of knowledge and word of wisdom will also operate as needed in this ministry

The lifestyle of a watchman is:

Prayer  
Fasting  
Worship  
Word

## **Chapter Two: More About the Watchman**

The definition of watchman is:

Protector, Keeper, Guard

**Psalm 121:5**

The Lord is thy keeper (guard, hedge about, protect)

**Genesis 2:15**

Adam was to keep the garden

**2 Timothy 1:14**

That good thing which was committed to you, keep (watch, be on guard) by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

A watchman is to guard, protect and maintain that which is assigned to them.

Biblical example of a failure to watch and guard:

**Exodus 34:12**

Take heed (hedge about, guard, protect) to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst.

**Joshua 9:3-6**

The Gibeonites worked craftily and pretended to be ambassadors from a far land.

Verse 7: The children of Israel must have had some discernment about the Gibeonites, but did not heed the warning.

Verse 8: Joshua asks them who are you and where do you come from.

**John 8:44:** The devil is a liar and he has nothing in him but lies.

Verse 14: The men of Israel took some of their provisions, but did not ask counsel of the Lord.

Verse 15: So Joshua made a peace covenant with them.

**What can we learn from this:**

1. Things are not always as they appear on the surface.

The devil is crafty and cunning

**Genesis 3:1**

2. God will give you a warning in your spirit that something is not right.

3. The watchman cannot trust what he hears or sees with his physical senses.

He must seek the Holy Spirit to give him counsel about the situation.

New Testament Scriptures with warnings and instructions for watchmen:

**Colossians 4:2**

Continue earnestly in prayer, being watchful/vigilant in it, with thanksgiving.

1. Prayer must be continuous and serious.
2. Prayer warriors persevere until the job is done.
3. The prayer is like a guard on duty  
Listening, watching and warning
4. But do it with thanksgiving  
Let's keep a joyful countenance  
Watchman are not watch dogs  
They are full of the joy of the Lord

**Galatians 2:4**

False brethren were secretly brought in by stealth to spy on us, that they might bring us into bondage.

1. Not everyone who says they are for us are really on our side.  
**2 Corinthians 11:13-14**  
Satan has ministers who pretend to be ministers of righteousness.
2. False brothers are people who come into churches with impure motives.
3. They come to bring problems, strife and division = Bondage
4. The watchman must discern true motives.
5. Then they sound the alarm to the leaders.
6. The situation is dealt with by the wisdom of God.

They could be exposed  
The plans can be neutralized in prayer  
However else the Lord wants to deal with them.

In Galatians 2:14 = Paul confronted Paul with the issue  
In 2 Timothy 4:14-15 = Paul warns Timothy to beware of Alexander the  
Coppersmith.

You can see that the Word of Wisdom is important in the watchman anointing and in leadership as God will give the wisdom on how to proceed.

**Jude 1:3-4**

I am writing to you to tell you to fight for the faith, because certain men have crept in unnoticed, who were long ago marked for this condemnation.

**Jude 1:12**

These are spots in your love feast, while they feast with you without fear . . .

What is our job as watchmen according to Jude:

**Jude 1:20-23**

But you, build yourself up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,  
Keep (watch and guard) yourself in the love of God . . .

On some have compassion, making a distinction (discern, judge, separate), but others save with fear, pulling them from the fire.

1. Watchman must keep their spirits and faith strong by praying in the Spirit.
2. They guard their own hearts in the love of God.
3. God will give discernment how to deal with each problem. All cannot be dealt with the same. Some people are wounded and through their pain cause problems. Others have evil motives, but can be plucked from the fire through more drastic measures. Others are on assignment from the enemy, refusing to turn to God. In these cases God will direction on how to eliminate the threat this person poses to the body.

**2 Timothy 4:5**

Be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry

The final words of wisdom from Paul to Timothy are:

In order for you to fulfill your ministry, you will have to be watchful in all things.

**John 10:11-12**

The shepherd give his life for the sheep

His job is to discern wolves and protect the sheep from them.

He is to sacrifice his own comfort, sleep, time etc. to guard and protect that which has been entrusted to him

This could be compared to the job of the secret service.

To protect the President, even to the point of giving their life to guard him.

**1 Thessalonians 5:6**

But let us not sleep as others do, but let us watch and be sober.

## **Chapter Three: Keeping Watch Over Yourself**

### **Proverbs 4:23**

Keep (guard, protect, maintain) your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

### **Deuteronomy 4:15**

Take heed (guard yourselves) against idolatry.

Keep/Take Heed = guard, protect, maintain

### **Deuteronomy 6:12**

Then beware (hedge about, guard), lest you forget the Lord (when times are good)

### **Proverbs 23:7**

For as a man thinks, that is he

Whatever you allow into your soul, that you will become.

Our first job as watchmen is to watch over our own hearts

We must guard what enters our heart through every avenue

Eyes

Ears

What we read

What is prophesied over us

What we allow into our soul by any means

We prevent that which is not of God from entering our soul.

If something is already in us as stronghold of wrong thinking

We must remove by deliverance the demonic component

Fall out of agreement

Replace with truth from the Word of God

## **Chapter Four: The Watchman Ministry - A Ministry of Fervent Prayer**

**The Early Church prays in classic watchman ministry:**

### **Acts 12:1-10**

1. Constant prayer was offered by the church

Constant = without ceasing, fervent

Fervent = very hot, deep and sincere, passionate

2. Peter was bound by the enemy:

- Two chains
- Between two soldiers = 1<sup>st</sup> guard post
- Guards outside his door = 2<sup>nd</sup> guard post
- Iron gates at prison entrance

3. The constant, fervent prayer loosed Peter from bondage

Angelic assistance was dispatched from heaven

Step by step Peter was released

Chains fell off hands

Past first guards

Past second guards

Gate opens on its own

Angel takes Peter down the street

And only then departs

Do you see why the pray had to be without ceasing?

What if prayer stopped after chains fell off?

Do you see any analogy to spiritual bondage of our loved ones?

Have we followed the example of the Early Church

Constant, Without ceasing prayer?

Fervent prayer?

### **Matthew 11:12**

The Kingdom of God suffers violence and violent take it by force

## **Daniel is a Passionate Watchman for Israel**

### **Look at Daniel 10**

1. Daniel begins to fast and pray – it lasts three weeks

Did Daniel know it would last three weeks?

2. Gabriel tells Daniel I have come to you  
God heard you the first day you prayed and I was sent
3. But I was hindered in the second heaven  
And reinforcement were sent to help me
4. But I broke through to bring you the vision

### **The Watchman is Fearless in the face of opposition**

#### **Acts 4**

1. Peter and John are arrested and threatened  
These are not idle threats
  2. What is the response of the church  
Prayer for boldness to speak the word in face of threats  
In other words, let us go forth without fear
  3. The result of this fervent prayer  
The place was shaken  
They were filled with the Holy Spirit  
They went out with boldness to preach the word of God
- Do you see how Fervent prayer brings fiery hot results

### **Example from Watchman Prayer by Dutch Sheets**

(see page 151-153)

His wife CeCe is found to have an ovarian cyst

Prayer was offered with no results

Dutch decides to lay hold the healing through faith and perseverance.

He is made to understand most breakthroughs are not instantaneous

But come through fighting the fight of faith, patience and perseverance.

What is needed is a long-term siege mentality

Siege = Persistent attack

To pursue diligently or persistently

A military blockage or attack to compel a fortified city or place to surrender

#### **Matthew 11:12**

The Kingdom of God suffers violence and violent take it by force

**Galatians 5:22-23**

Long-suffering, faithfulness, self-control  
All need to have a siege mentality

Dutch is led to pray one hour per day for his wife

First 5 minutes quoting the Scriptures he was standing on and thanking in advance for the healing.

The rest of the time he prayed in the spirit

Prayer lasted one month.

Did he know the prayer would last 30 days?

After 2 weeks God gave him a vision of himself holding the cyst in his hand, squeezing the life out of it.

CeCe reports pain is lessening, confirming cyst is shrinking.

After one month he had a vision of the cyst being now the size of a quarter and then vanishing.

He knew victory was theirs and he could stop praying

Even though his wife has some minor pain left, pray stopped

The doctor confirmed the cyst was gone.

**The Watchman's Prayer Partner**

**John 14:26**

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things . . .

**John 16:13**

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 of things to come.

The Holy Spirit must be allowed to lead and guide all prayer ministry

**John 6:63**

The Spirit alone brings life. The flesh profits nothing.

## **Chapter Five: Protocol for Watchman**

### **Processing information/revelation**

1. Discern the source of the information.  
Is the information from God?
2. What does it mean – what is the interpretation of the information
3. What do I do with the information.  
What is the correct course of action to take?

### **The source of the information:**

All information receive must be carefully tested.

Dreams  
Visions  
Messages heard or seen  
Impressions

#### Three ways we judge revelation:

##### 1. Scripture

All revelation will be consistent with the Bible.  
Anything inconsistent with the Bible must be disregarded.

If revelation is not dealt with directly in the Scripture:  
It must harmonize with the general information in the Bible and the character of God.

##### 2. Wise Counsel

You must have in your life people who can give us advice and counsel. It is always better to have counsel about revelation, especially when it is not directly dealt with by Scripture.

##### 3. Confirmation from God

It is perfectly acceptable to ask God for a confirmation of what you believe you heard or what you are told from others.

Judging warnings given to you from others:

- Does the person bringing the word have a critical or judgmental spirit?  
The Holy Spirit will not align Himself with the accuser of the brethren.

People who need deliverance from an accusing spirit will tend to see faults in people that may not be there. This is true also for people with a spirit of rejection. This is why deliverance is so critical for ministers.

- Does the person have a proven track record in discernment?
- Is there a legitimate reason the Holy Spirit would warn you about this situation or person? If there is little likelihood that you will be involved with the situation or person, the Holy Spirit probably will not give you information about them.
- Is this warning confirmed in your spirit or by another person?

### **What does the information mean – what is the interpretation**

Three things to answer about the revelation:

1. Is it literal or symbolic

Dreams and visions contain much symbolism that must be interpreted to understand the revelation accurately.

2. Is it for now or the future

Warnings about what the enemy is doing now vs. planning for later.

Warnings for the future might not make sense in the now. Discernment is necessary.

3. Am I the one who should interpret this revelation.

### **What should be done with the revelation you receive?**

1. Pray as the Holy Spirit leads over the revelation

2. If the revelation concerns your church.

Inform your leaders of what the Holy Spirit has told you.

3. Ask the Holy Spirit whether you should tell the person involved

Be careful who you share the information with.

Much damage is done in the church when sensitive information is carelessly shared with others.

## **Chapter Six: Weapons of Intercession**

### **1. Prayer of Agreement**

Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. Matthew 18:19

- The prayer of agreement is one of the most powerful weapons of intercession.
- Unity and agreement bring great power in ministry  
    Before the Holy Spirit fell on the day of Pentecost, the people were together with one accord. Acts 2:1
- The prayer of agreement is like filling a bottle with water until it is full  
    The first person praying fills 5%, the next another 5% etc. until the prayer is completed and the answer manifests.
- The prayer of agreement is used in small prayer groups  
    One prays a certain subject  
    You will then feel the burden to pray also  
    Your prayers are added to those that preceded you  
    Until the prayer burden is lifted.

This is why it is important not to move to a new subject of prayer until the prayer of agreement has been completed

    This does not mean everyone in the group must pray  
    But that the prayer warriors must know by the Spirit that they have accomplished what God has asked them to do before moving on.

Too many times prayer teams are not disciplined to stay with what was started until it is finished.

- The prayer of agreement is also used by God when he burdens many people around the world with the same prayer assignment.  
    Each person's prayers are important to fill that bottle of water, so to speak.
- The prayer of agreement shows how important each person's prayers really are.  
    If God has you assigned to pray for something, your prayers are part of the larger picture of what God is doing. If you fail to do your part, it can delay or hinder what God wants to do.
- Fasting multiplies the effect of prayer several times over. So the prayer of agreement, coupled with everyone fasting, is very powerful.
- How to pray in agreement:

- a. Before you agree in prayer, make sure that the Lord is showing you this is what He really wants. Sometimes people ask you to agree in prayer with something that has come from their desires, not God's.
- b. Assuming you are released to pray then you can:
  - Pray the same as the other intercessors.
  - Pray so that your prayers complement or go further than what has been prayed.
  - Include in your prayer a Scripture the Lord gives you to decree over the situation.

## **2. Praying Through**

This is persistent prayer until we have the assurance from God that His will has been accomplished. How do we know when this is done?

When we are no longer reminded by the Holy Spirit to pray  
When we try to pray and have no desire to pray for that any more  
When you are given a Scripture by God that shows you have the victory  
When the manifestation of the prayer has happened.

## **3. Breaking Yokes**

Yokes are spiritual oppressions that Satan lays on us to hold us in bondage.  
Breaking Yokes can be accomplished by:

Fasting – Isaiah 58:6  
Binding and Loosing – Matthew 18:18-19  
Declarations and commands to break yokes  
Breaking ungodly soul ties and wrong relationships  
Praise – Isaiah 61:3

## **4. Binding and Loosing**

Whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth is loosed in the heavens. Matthew 18:18-19

Binding/Loosing or Permitting/Forbidding are powerful weapons of intercession.

### **A. Binding**

Binding Stops the attacks of the enemy

#### **▪ Negative Binding**

Cindy Jacobs uses roping of a calf or bull by a cowboy as an example of negative binding:

- As intercessor the Lord shows us something that must be dealt with  
Such as division in the church. This is our calf or bull on the run.
  - We take the matter to our prayer closet.
  - We get out our spiritual “rope” and throw it over/lasso the problem  
Ex.: Binding disunity and division, in Jesus name  
When praying in agreement, each person is throwing the rope over the problem until it is subdued.  
This is why we always want people to pray with us when we are binding up and using the fire of God to destroy. More warriors = more power.
  - We order that thing to be stopped or destroyed, in Jesus name.
- Binding can be done in person or long distance.

### ▪ **Positive Binding**

This is declaring the Word of God over a situation

Jesus did this with Satan during His 40 day fast.

It is useful to use the Word of God while you are also roping up the enemy with your spiritual lasso.

Jeremiah 1:10 says that we are to root up, pull down, destroy but also to build up and to plant.

## **B. Loosing**

Loosing sets captive free from the enemy and can also loose God’s will into the situation.

- An example in Luke 13:15-16 is the woman who had an infirmity that had her bend over for 18 years. Jesus said that should not this woman who Satan has bound for 18 years be loosed and set free.
- Peter was physically loosed from prison in Acts 12
- Paul loosed a slave girl from a spirit of divination in Acts 16:18

We can intercede to loose people from sin, sickness, demons, witchcraft, etc.

We can also declare or loose the will of God over a person or situation.

## **5. Supplication**

This earnest beseeching or requesting to the point of begging

Supplication means to beg

Supplication and travail are related. It is like an SOS situation. It is a now or never kind of prayer.

- Many times these prayer burdens come in the middle of the night or on no prior notice.
  - You just know to stop whatever you are doing and beseech God for immediate help.

## **6. Travail**

To travail means to birth.

It is a very fervent and intense prayer and it results in God's will being accomplished in miraculous ways.

When one travails they are praying very strong prayers to birth the will of God.

▪ Travail is given by God and cannot be manufactured. It is spontaneous by the unction of the Holy Spirit

There is a deep groaning inside the person

Audible or not.

Romans 8:28

John 11:33

▪ It may be short or extended time of travailing prayer.

▪ The travail may be overwhelming or consuming for the intercessor and other will need to intercede for the intercessor

▪ Travailing prayer may come as a result of much prayer by your or other in a certain area and God chooses you to complete the birthing of His will.

Those with the gift of intercession tend to pray by travail more frequently than others.

## **Chapter Seven: Intercessory Praise**

Intercessory praise or praise warfare is an important aspect of intercessory prayer. Prayer and praise go together.

### **Isaiah 56:7**

Even them I will bring to My holy mountain. And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar. For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.

Prayer here is the Hebrew “tephillah”, a prayer that is set to music.  
This type of praise/prayer causes joy to break out in the house of God  
And we know that the joy of the Lord is our strength. Nehemiah 8:10

Intercession should not be a depressing job. It should be joy-filled.

This kind of worship caused the Philippian prison to be opened to Paul and Silas:

### **Acts 16:25-26**

But at midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly, there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed.

Notice that besides setting Paul and Silas free, the praise and prayer also set the stage for salvation for the jailer and his entire family (Acts 16:30-34)

Let’s break down by Scripture how praise can break open prisons and set the captives free:

### **Psalm 22:3**

But You are holy, You inhabit the praises of Israel

Inhabit (yâshab, pronounced: *yaw-shab*)  
To dwell, remain, settle or sit down in, to marry.

### **2 Corinthians 3:17**

Now the Lord is Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Liberty (eleutheria, pronounced *el-yoo-ther-ee'-ah*) = Freedom

Put these together:

God’s presence dwells in our praise.  
God is Spirit and Where God’s Spirit is, there is freedom.

**Look at a practical application from the Old Testament:**

**1 Samuel 16:14, 23**

But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him.

And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

Can you see why most Sunday services begin with praise and worship

God's presence enters and dwells within the praise

Yokes are broken

People's hearts become receptive to the Word of God

Salvation breaks forth

**Seven Hebrew words for praise give us a good understanding how to incorporate praise into our times of intercession:**

1. Halal (*haw-lal'*)

Root word for Halleluja

Tremendous explosion of enthusiasm during praise, to celebrate

Psalm 117:1

2 Chronicles 20:19

2. Yadah (*yaw-daw'*)

To thank. To extend the hand. To worship with raised hands.

2 Chronicles 20:21

3. Barak (*baw-rak'*)

To bless, to bow, to kneel, to thank, in adoration

Psalm 103:1-2

Bless/Barak the Lord oh my soul

4. Zamar (*zaw-mar'*)

To touch the string. To sing praise. To make music for God.

Musical verb for praise

Psalm 7:17 = I will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High

5. Shabach (*shaw-bakh'*)

to *address* in a loud tone, that is: commend, glory, keep in, praise, still, triumph.

Psalm 117:1 = praise Him all you people

6. Tephillah (*tef-il-law'*)

Intercession for someone, supplication; by implication a hymn: - prayer.

Isaiah 56:7 House of prayer/tephillah

7. Towdah (*to-daw'*)

Adoration, confession, thanksgiving, sacrifice of praise, offering of praise  
Psalm 50:23  
Whoever offers praise glorifies Me.  
(whoever sacrifices/gives as an offering sacrificial praise glorifies Me)

**Other Weapons of Praise**

1. Walking and Marching

Joshua 6:3  
Around the city of Jericho

2. Treading

This is stomping or trampling  
Psalm 108:13  
Luke 10:19

3. Clapping

Psalm 47:1  
Ezekiel 6:11

4. Shouting

2 Chronicles 13:15

5. Laughter

Psalm 37:12-13

6. Joy

Psalm 149:2, 5

We thank you for taking this journey with us into the ministry of the Watchman.  
We hope it has been a blessing for you and that you see real results in your life and the life of your family.

May God bless you and keep you!  
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