



Alertness vs. Carelessness

Exercising my physical and spiritual senses to recognize the dangers that could diminish the resources entrusted to me.

I will...

- *remember that I am at war with the Enemy*
- *guard my time from distracters*
- *recognize and heed warning signals*
- *choose to do right before I'm tempted*
- *protect my good name*
- *stay away from unsafe situations*

Mark 14:38 (NIV)

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

What must we protect?

- Our time: Time is a valuable asset that attracts many robbers *Eph 5:16*
- Our health: Energy and vitality will be diminished through slothful or immoral living
- Our purity: Evil men and women prey upon the unsuspecting
- Our fellowship with God: Unconfessed sin separates us from fellowship with the Lord
- Our family and friends: Even good things can separate us from the best things.
- Our good name: See proverbs 22:1
- Our money and possessions: John Wesley said *"Earn all you can, Save all you can, Give all you can."*
- Our eternal rewards. See Revelation 3:11

We must fight a battle!

- Since Satan's fall, there has been a war between good and evil.
- God's goal is to raise up Godly generations and establish righteousness
- Satan's goals are to _____, _____ and _____ *John 10:10*
 - He tempts us to be fearful *I Peter 5:8,9*
 - He tempts us to take our own life *Heb. 2: 14, 15*
 - He lies and tempts us to question God's Word, God's attributes, God's will, God's people and God's _____ *John 8:44 & Rev. 13:6*
 - He accuses believers *Job 1: 6-9 & Rev. 12: 10-12*
 - He tempts us to be prideful *I Timothy 3:6*
 - He tempts us to justify our lack of forgiveness *Matt. 18:21-35*

Prepare to win the war. Be alert to avoid unnecessary battles!

- Ephesians 6:10-18