

# Watch Seriously, Love Forgivingly, Befriend Tolerantly

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## I. To watch with seriousness

**1Pe 4:7** But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

**Mat 26:41** Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

**Luk 11:10** For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened...

**Luk 11:13** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

**Isa 55:6** Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

**Mar 13:35** Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh...

**Mar 13:36** Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

**Mar 13:37** And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Mat 25:5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept....

Mat 25:11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

Mat 25:12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

Mat 25:13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Son 5:2 I sleep, but my heart waketh: *it is* the voice of my beloved that knocketh, *saying*, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled...

Son 5:3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?

Son 5:4 ...my bowels were moved for him.

Son 5:5 I rose up to open to my beloved...

Son 5:6 I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, *and* was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him...

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

1Co 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

1Co 16:14 Let all your things be done with charity.

1Co 16:15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas ...*that* they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

1Co 16:16 That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with *us*, and laboureth.

Rom 13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

1Th 5:2 For yourselves know...that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

1Th 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape...

1Th 5:6 Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.

Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

## II. To love with forgiveness

1Pe 4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

### A. The urgency of fervent charity

Col 3:14 And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

1Ti 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart...

Joh 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Joh 13:35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

1Pe 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently:

1Co 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

1Co 13:2 And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

1Co 13:3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

2Pe 1:5 ...giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

2Pe 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

2Pe 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

2Pe 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **B. Real love is accompanied by real forgiveness**

**Pro 10:12** Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

**Pro 17:9** He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends.

**1Co 13:4** Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

**1Co 13:5** ...seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil...

**1Co 13:7** Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

**1Co 13:8** Charity never faileth...

**Mat 18:21** Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

**Mat 18:22** Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

**Luk 7:41** There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.

**Luk 7:42** And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?

**Luk 7:47** Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loveth little.

## **III. To befriend without judgment**

**1Pe 4:9** Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

### **A. The importance of being open to receiving others — (Literally ‘fond of guests’)**

**1Ti 3:2** A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

**Rom 12:13** Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

**Heb 13:1** Let brotherly love continue.

**Heb 13:2** Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Heb 13:3 Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; *and* them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

Mat 25:35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat<sup>(1)</sup>: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink<sup>(2)</sup>: I was a stranger, and ye took me in<sup>(3)</sup>:

Mat 25:36 Naked, and ye clothed me<sup>(4)</sup>: I was sick, and ye visited me<sup>(5)</sup>: I was in prison, and ye came unto me<sup>(6)</sup>.

Heb 13:16 But to do good and to communicate (*share, social interaction, fellowship*) forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Pro 18:24 A man *that hath* friends must shew himself friendly...

Luk 11:43 Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.

Luk 11:44 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over *them* are not aware *of them*.

#### **B. To be a friend without murmuring on the outside or judging on the inside**

2Co 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Php 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

Php 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.

#### **C. Jesus began His church on the principle of hospitality**

Luk 9:1 Then he called his twelve disciples together...

Luk 9:2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

Luk 9:3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for *your* journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.

Luk 9:4 And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart.

Luk 9:5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.

Luk 9:6 And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel...

#### **D. The church that began with hospitality—Became hospitality**

**Act 4:32** And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any *of them* that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common...

**Act 4:34** Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

**Act 4:35** And laid *them* down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.