

# ACT LIKE MEN - BE WATCHFUL

1. **I Corinthians 16:13-14** Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. 14 Let all that you do be done in love.
2. **Eph 5:15** "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.
3. **Matthew 24:36** "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. 37 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, 39 and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man...42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect...
4. **Luke 12:15** Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."..35 "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, 36 and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks.
5. **I Timothy 4:3** some will devote themselves to deceitful spirits and teaching of demons ...who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, 5 for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.
6. **Daniel 7:14** And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.
7. **I Corinthians 6:**"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything.
8. **Proverbs 25:**tells us A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.
9. **Luke 21:34** "But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. 35 For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."
10. **Matthew 26:40** And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
11. **Genesis 4:7** sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.
12. **I Timothy 4:16** Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

13. **Prov 16:32** Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.
  14. **I Cor 15:34** Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning.
  15. **I Peter 5: 8** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
  16. **Col 1:29** For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.
  17. **II Samuel 11:1** In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem 2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch (he was at ease, relaxing, bored, looking at stuff he shouldn't have been on his laptop) and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful.
  18. **I Peter 1:13** Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
  19. **Mark 9:23** And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.
  20. **Hebrews 5:7** In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.
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## Discussion Questions:

1. Are there things in your life, though they might not be wrong or sinful, in which you indulge and which take away your spiritual edge and hunger? (i.e. What things do you need to be on guard and alert to?)
2. How are you doing at self-control?
3. Ruling over your spirit is a full-time job. Have you started? Have you given up? How are you doing?
4. What things get you into trouble in terms of temptations? Where do you need to be ruthless?
5. How is your prayer life? Are you calling out to God on a regular basis for help?
6. What are the means of grace that you are using to fight the good fight?