

WATCH AND PRAY IN THE SECRET PLACE

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¹⁰A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

¹¹Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. **Ephesians 6:10-11 (NLT)**

¹⁶...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
James 5:16b (NKJV)

EFFECTIVE: _____

FERVENT: _____

RIGHTEOUS: _____

⁴¹Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!" **Matthew 26:41 (NLT)**

IN THE SECRET PLACE:

1. We **QUIET** our hearts enough to **TUNE** in and **LISTEN** to God.
2. We **SHARPEN** our spiritual **SENSES** to the promptings & leadership of the Holy Spirit
3. We recalibrate our **MINDS** and **SOULS** to the true and straight ways of God.
4. We **INTERPRET** current events through the lense of God's Word.
5. We offset spiritual **INSENSITIVITY** by being ignited and refreshed by God's Spirit and Power.

³⁵Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding feast. Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks. ³⁷The servants who are ready and waiting for

his return will be rewarded. I tell you the truth, he himself will seat them, put on an apron, and serve them as they sit and eat! ³⁸He may come in the middle of the night or just before dawn. But whenever he comes, he will reward the servants who are ready. ³⁹Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would not permit his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected."

Luke 12:35-40 (NLT)

PRACTICAL STEPS TO OBEY JESUS' DIRECTIVE TO WATCH & PRAY:

1. **DETERMINE** to not **RESIST** God's prompting to meet with Him in the Secret Place.
2. **ARRANGE** your **DAILY PATTERN** to make room to meet with God in the Secret Place.

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