



# “The Vigilant”

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## I. *I Peter 5:6-9*

### A. **Vigilant**

#### 1. **To Keep Awake; Watch or Stay Alert**

2. A Synonym in the Scripture: “Watch & Pray” / The Story of Gideon

### B. Two Things....

1. God is looking for someone to bless...

2. Satan is looking for someone to steal from...

### C. The Age of Complacency (The Lazy Society)

1. **Matthew 13:15** “For this people’s hearts are waxed gross and their ears are dull of hearing...”

- The only way that Satan can “sneak” up on you is if you are not aware of the danger that is lurking nearby!
- The only authority that Satan has in a believer’s life is the authority that he gives him!

2. History repeats itself: **Matthew 26:40-43**

- A pivotal time before Jesus went to the cross...eyes were heavy.
- A pivotal time before Jesus returns...eyes are heavy.

3. Satan’s plan:

- To Wear you down so he can swallow you up (devour); (Weariness in the fight).
- **Mark 4:18-19**

## II. Spiritual Warfare

### A. **Ephesians 6:10-13**

1. Open your eyes to the reality of demonic entities.

- **Principalities & Powers**
- **Rulers of the Darkness of this World**
- **Spiritual Wickedness in High Places**

2. Satan is not someone to fear...just someone to be aware of! (Smith Wigglesworth).

### B. Resist Him and He Will Flee

1. **James 4:7**

- **Resist – To stand against; oppose or withstand**

• Are you standing against sickness, hurt feelings, or weariness in the fight?  
Or are you accepting it?

2. How do I resist? Answer: By Faith!

- Speak the Word, Apply the Blood, and Command Satan to leave!
- Rebuke Satan just like Jesus did with the fever (**Luke 4:39**).