



## Day 65 - Stay on Guard!

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” (1 Peter 5:8)

In yesterday’s devotional, we were reminded of Jesus’ words that the thief comes only to steal, kill and to destroy us (John 10:10). Jesus went on to say however that He [Jesus] came that we may have life and have it more abundantly. So, knowing this, we are admonished in 1 Peter 5:8 to “be alert and of sober mind.” As a young teenager I recall there was a popular place most of the young people would go on Saturday evenings to walk around and meet up with friends. There were several different weekends where fights occurred on the premises making public news. Consequently, my parents did not permit us to go there anymore. I initially thought that they just didn’t want us to have any fun, sentiments also echoed by my older sister. One day it hit me, my parents love me and just want to protect me so, why was I looking at things so skewed. There are countless vices and traps in the world today that have ensnared many. Their danger is typically not apparent at first, but they have negative, long-term consequences. Jesus understood this and taught this to his disciples. So, Peter writes, “be alert and of sober mind.” Why? Because “your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion waiting for someone to devour”. The devil is watching for times that we seem most vulnerable. He tempted Jesus with food during His 40 days of fasting. After being unsuccessful, it says the devil left Jesus until a “more opportune time”. Thank God for His Holy Spirit to guide us and His angels that have been given charge over us to keep us from stumbling and falling. Let us be sure to practice the wisdom of Jesus and Peter. Declare today that you will not forfeit your divine destiny.

Prayer: “Lord, thank you for guiding and protecting me from the plans of the enemy. Help me to stay of a sober mind that I will not fall into the enemy’s traps. Delivery me from temptation and evil each and every day. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.”

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Pray for God’s continued guidance, protection, provision and success for Cliffard Whitby (Macon-Bibb County 2020 mayoral candidate) and the Whitby2020 campaign team and supporters.

Pray that God would increase this movement and energize others to co-labor with us for positive change.