TITLE: God cares for you, I care for you

**TEXT: 1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.** 8 **Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:**

1. One of the most important duties of the believer.
   1. The believer must be vigilant in this duty
      1. Or his life and testimony for Christ will be devoured and destroyed.
      2. What is the duty?
         1. Vigilance (very watchful)
         2. And resistance against the devil.
            1. The believer must constantly watch for and resist the devil.

* How can we stand against the attacks and temptations of the devil?
* There is only one way:
  + **we must be sober and be vigilant.**

1.  First, be sober (*nēpsate*) The word means...

•  not to become intoxicated with drugs or alcohol of any kind.

•  to be sober in mind and behavior; to be controlled in all things; not given over to indulgence, license, or extravagance. It is the opposite of indulgence in anything such as eating, drinking, and recreation. It means to live a sober, solid, controlled, and strong life.

The believer has to be sober as he watches for the attacks of the devil. If he is not sober, he will not be alert enough to conquer the attacks and the temptations of the devil. The believer will be overcome and led into sin and destruction. And no believer can be alert enough to stand up against the devil if he indulges and gratifies his flesh.

The believer is to live a sober and controlled life. He is to stay alert to the devil and his temptations at all times. He must be alert enough to see the temptations and attacks coming and have a mind and spirit strong enough to stand against the temptations and attacks.

Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation 1 Thes 5:6-8

Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things

1 Tim. 3:11

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:11-13).

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" 1 Pe 1:13

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

2.  How do we stand against the devil? Second, be vigilant (*grēgorēsate*[PWS: 4221](http://www.crossbooks.com/book.asp?pub=0&book=748&tocpath=V\#4221: Vigilant)). The word means to be watchful and awake. It has the idea of being constantly aroused and on the lookout; to always be aroused, awake, and watching for the devil and his attacks. Again, if a person's mind and body are dull, flabby, and weak from drink, drugs, overeating, slothfulness, and indulgence in sleep, recreation, pleasure, or in anything else—that person cannot be watching and waiting; he cannot be constantly aroused to look for the devil's temptations and attacks.

The believer must be sober and serious about the devil; he must be vigilant in looking for the devil's temptations and attacks. It is the only conceivable way the believer can conquer and overcome in this life; it is the only way he can keep his life and testimony from being destroyed by the devil.

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matthew 26:41).

Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them" (Luke 12:37).

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12).

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" ([1 Cor. 16:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+16%3A13)).

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving" ([Col. 4:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Col+4%3A2)).

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" ([1 Thes. 5:5-6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Th+5%3A5-6)).

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" ([1 Peter 5:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Pe+5%3A8)).

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame" ([Rev. 16:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A15)).

**2.** ([5:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Pe+5%3A8)) **Satan**: Why should we stand against the attacks and temptations of the devil? There is one strong reason: he is our adversary, a roaring lion who seeks all whom he can devour. Note three points.

1.  The devil is our "adversary" (*antidikos*) The Greek word means a legal opponent such as an opponent in a lawsuit. It also means a common day-to-day opponent like a neighbor who opposes and stands as an enemy against us. The picture is that of the devil opposing us in every conceivable way.

⇒  It is the picture of Satan standing in a law court, standing as an adversary in the court of God and accusing us before God.

⇒  It is the picture of Satan standing here on earth, standing against us and doing all he can to trip us up and to defeat and destroy us.

2.  The word "devil" (*diabolos*) itself means slanderer or false accuser. The devil is a malicious enemy who accuses us before God and makes false charges against us. Scripture teaches that Satan is constantly bringing up our sins and transgressions before God, that he is constantly reminding God of our disobedience.

I Pe 5:9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Ps 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Pr 24:16 For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

Job 5:19 He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

Ps 91:10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

Pr 12:21 ¶ There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

1Pe 3:13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? 14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: