

Part 11 F.A.C.E. Be like a watchman and diligently keep our soul! (Two perspectives)

Perspective #1

Hello, all the saints of God!

Let's dive into something important today keeping our soul diligently, like a watchman on duty.

It's not just about being in the body of Christ but being active and deliberate in His kingdom. When we do things God's way, His victory becomes visible in our lives.

And here's the best part—victory is already ours by inheritance as God's children (**Romans 8:17**). How amazing is that?

As believers, we are **co-heirs** with Christ, meaning we share in His inheritance. We're treated as firstborn heirs, which is a huge privilege!

But remember, our inheritance isn't just for later in heaven—it's available now too.

Romans 8:17 reminds us that as His children, we're heirs of God and share in Christ's inheritance.

However, we also share in His sufferings if we want to share in His glory. **It's a package deal, but one that's so worth it.**

From the last teaching, here's a quick recap:

- Be willing and obedient to enjoy the good things God has for us (**Isaiah 1:18-19**).
- Use God's knowledge to avoid destruction in any area of life (**Hosea 4:6**).
- Learn the basics to stay safe and successful.

We also talked about the different types of knowledge:

1. Bible knowledge (Theology)
2. Practical knowledge for life
3. Fun knowledge for enjoyment

But here's the thing—the knowledge that really threatens the kingdom of darkness is:

1. **Defensive** knowledge (how to guard your life and territory)
2. **Offensive** knowledge (how to stand firm and push back against darkness)

So, what do we do? We prepare, train, and go forward with both defensive and offensive strategies. It's about protecting what God has given us and advancing His kingdom.

Now, let's talk about why God's knowledge is so crucial. Without it, we risk forgetting what He's done in our lives.

Think about it, what have your eyes seen? What miracles, blessings, or lessons has God shown you? Make a list!

If we don't keep our soul diligently, those memories can slip away from our hearts, and if they're gone from our hearts, how can we pass them down to our children and future generations?

Deuteronomy 4:9 tells us to guard our soul like a watchman so we don't forget what we've seen. The Hebrew word for "keep" means to guard, protect, attend, or watch over.

So, let's take this seriously—be vigilant and hold on tightly to God's truth.

Hebrews 2:1 also reminds us to pay close attention to what we've heard from God. If we don't, it can drift away like a boat untied from its dock.

So here's the takeaway: Be purposeful. Be diligent. Keep your soul like a watchman guards a city.

Don't let the truth of God slip away from your heart. Keep learning, keep growing, and keep passing it on to others.

Let's stay sharp and keep listening for more of God's insights! You've got this!

Perspective #2

Guarding Our Souls: A Call to Diligence and Faithfulness

In our journey as believers, it is not enough to simply be a part of the body of Christ; we are called to be active participants in His kingdom on earth.

This requires positioning our actions with God's word, rightly divided and faithfully applied. By doing things God's way, we unlock the manifestation of His victory in our lives—victory that belongs to us by right of inheritance as His children.

Our Inheritance in Christ

As believers, we are co-heirs with Christ, sharing in His inheritance (**Romans 8:17**). This profound truth reminds us of the privilege we have been given as adopted sons and daughters of God.

According to **Hebrews 12:23**, Christians are treated as firstborn heirs, a position that carries both responsibility and immense blessing.

Matthew Henry's Concise Bible Commentary underscores this, stating that all God's children are heirs, each with the privileges of the firstborn.

Our inheritance is both a present reality and a future promise. **Romans 8:17** (AMP) emphasizes this dual aspect: "And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory."

This verse highlights that while we share in Christ's glory, we must also be willing to share in His sufferings as part of our journey.

The Importance of Knowledge in Guarding Our Souls

To fully access and live out our inheritance, we must recognize the critical role of knowledge. **Isaiah 1:18-19** teaches us that a willingness to obey God allows us to partake in the good things He has prepared for us.

Hosea 4:6 warns that a lack of knowledge leads to destruction, emphasizing the need for understanding in every area of life.

There are different categories of knowledge that we must pursue:

- 1. Biblical Knowledge (Theology):** Understanding God's word and His principles is foundational for spiritual growth and victory.
- 2. Practical Life Knowledge:** Knowledge necessary for functioning effectively in daily life.
- 3. Recreational Knowledge:** Engaging in enjoyable pursuits that bring balance and joy to life.

However, the knowledge that poses a threat to the kingdom of darkness is both **defensive** and **offensive**.

Defensive knowledge equips us to protect our lives and areas of responsibility, while offensive knowledge enables us to advance against spiritual strongholds.

As believers, our preparation should include learning how to defend ourselves spiritually and how to actively combat the forces of darkness.

Diligently Keeping Our Souls

A key question arises: How important is God's knowledge? **The answer lies in its role in helping us diligently guard our souls.**

Deuteronomy 4:9 (RSV) provides a clear directive: "Only take heed, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children."

The Hebrew word for "keep" (#8104) means to guard, protect, attend, or act as a watchman. This calls us to be vigilant in guarding our souls, ensuring that the truths we have seen and learned remain firmly rooted in our hearts.

When we fail to diligently keep our souls, we risk forgetting what God has done in our lives, losing the ability to pass these truths on to future generations.

The Danger of Drifting Away

Hebrews 2:1 (AMP) further warns us: "SINCE ALL this is true, we ought to pay much closer attention than ever to the truths that we have heard, lest in any way we drift past [them] and slip away."

This verse highlights the subtle danger of spiritual neglect. Without calculated effort, even the most foundational truths can slip away from our hearts and minds.

To prevent this drift, we must actively engage with God's word and consistently apply His truth in our lives. This involves regular study, prayer, and reflection on His promises.

Additionally, sharing these truths with others—especially our children and grandchildren—reinforces their significance and ensures their preservation for future generations.

Practical Steps for Guarding Our Souls

- 1. Be Watchful:** Like a watchman guarding a city, stay alert to spiritual threats and distractions that could lead you away from God's truth.
- 2. Prioritize God's Word:** Make daily time for reading and meditating on Scripture, allowing it to shape your thoughts and actions.
- 3. Teach the Next Generation:** Share your **faith journey** with your children and grandchildren, passing on the lessons you have learned.
- 4. Stay Connected:** Surround yourself with a community of believers who encourage you to remain steadfast in your walk with Christ.
- 5. Embrace Obedience:** Be willing to follow God's instructions, trusting that His ways lead to life and victory.

Conclusion

Guarding our souls is **not a passive task but an active** responsibility that requires diligence and intentionality.

By prioritizing God's knowledge and applying His truth in our lives, we can keep our hearts aligned with Him and ensure that His works are remembered for generations to come.

Let us take heed of **Deuteronomy 4:9** and **Hebrews 2:1**, committing ourselves to be **watchful stewards** of the inheritance we have received in Christ.

As we do so, we will not only experience His victory but also leave **a lasting legacy of faith** for those who follow.

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