

Devotional Thoughts :: First she looked—and then she lusted! -watson

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(Thomas Watson, "The Lord's Prayer")

"Watch!" Mark 13:37

Many have lost heaven, for lack of watchfulness. Our hearts are ready to decoy us into sin, and the devil lies in ambush with his temptations. We must every day keep sentinel in our souls. "I will stand upon my watch." Habakkuk 2:1. Watch your eyes! "I made a covenant with my eyes." Job 31:1. Much sin comes in by the eye. First Eve saw that the tree was good for food, and pleasant to the eyes—then she took and ate it! First she looked—and then she lusted. The eye, by beholding an impure object, sets the heart on fire. The devil often creeps in, at the window of the eye! Watch your eyes!

Watch your ears! Much poison is conveyed through the ear. Let your ear be open to God—and shut to sin!

Watch your hearts! "The human heart is most deceitful and desperately wicked." Jeremiah 17:9.

Watch your heart when you are about holy things—it will be slipping out to vanity. When Christ had been praying and fasting, the devil tempted Him. Mt. 4:3. After combating with Satan in prayer, we are apt to grow secure and take our spiritual armor off—and then the devil falls on us and wounds us!

Watch your hearts when you are in bad company. The breath of the wicked is infectious. Nay, watch your hearts when you are in good company. The devil is subtle, and he can as well creep into the dove—as he did once into the serpent. Satan tempted Christ by an apostle.

Watch your hearts in prosperity. Now you are in danger of pride! The higher men's estates rise—the higher their hearts are lifted up in pride. It is hard to carry a full cup without spilling. Just so, it is hard to carry a full, prosperous estate without sinning. As Samson fell asleep in Delilah's lap—so many have fallen so fast asleep in the lap of prosperity, that they never awoke until they awoke in hell!

Oh, if you would get to heaven, be always upon your watch-tower! Keep close sentinel in your souls. Who

would not watch—when it is for a glorious kingdom!

Re: First she looked— and then she lusted! -watson - posted by myfirstLove (), on: 2007/10/10 10:08

Great exhortation and understanding of what it means to be watchful!

We must be watchful everyday in everything!

Luke 21:34-36

34 “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. 35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

1 Peter 4:7

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

2 Timothy 4:5

But you be watchful in all things.....

Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2007/10/10 22:12

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This is a great teaching. In Genesis 2:15 God gave Adam the responsibility to 'keep' the Garden of Eden. The word meant to hedge about with thorns and is used in Gen. 3:24 of the sword that 'kept' the way of the Tree of life. When Adam did not guard- the devil came in. It has been happening ever since. One of the first things ever taught to man by God was to WATCH and GUARD his relationship with God.