

**Chapter 1 : 1 Peter KJV - Be sober, be vigilant; because your - Bible Gateway**

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He began writing this commentary before his death and had asked me, Nathele Graham, to continue his service to our Lord by finishing what he began. By the time Peter had written this epistle he had matured a lot. In the Gospels we see him as the one who was enthusiastically rash. On one hand he would valiantly declare that he would defend Jesus to the death, but a few hours later he was the one who denied that he knew Christ. It was Peter who tried to stop Jesus from going to Jerusalem because there He would be crucified. Oh, it was Peter speaking, but Jesus knew who inspired his words. By the time Peter wrote this letter he had learned well what happens when vigilance is not a priority. This is an important concept for Christians today to come to grips with. A great price was paid for our salvation, and that should be a sobering thought to every Christian. It is not always easy for the born-again believer to walk the path God has set before us and without due vigilance it can be easy to wander, especially during these end times in which we live. Sometimes we fail and head off in the wrong direction, but that usually happens when we are not sober or vigilant in our walk with Jesus. When failure happens Christians have a personal Savior who is always with us no matter where we wander. This should be very convicting, and it is if we are truly born again. When we wander into the presence of evil we must understand that our Savior is standing right beside us, beckoning us back. As Christians we must always be on our guard to live our faith so that we will not stumble in our walk. The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity, lives right inside of us and He will guide us away from temptations if we let Him. Sin in our society is so prevalent that many people, both Christians and non-Christians, no longer look at evil as they should. Many people today feel nothing is sinful as long as it feels good and seems right in their own eyes. They now give credence to evil and immoral lifestyles by accepting them as legitimate. Jesus never said it would be easy, but He will always be with us as our example and our strength to resist joining ourselves to worldly sin. He will never leave us nor forsake us, but we need to be sober and vigilant to follow Him in our Christian life. Anytime we place anyone or anything before God we are in error. As believers we know that no one or no material thing should come before Jesus Christ in our life. These are strong words from our Lord. Jesus must come first even if our family or friends turn on us for our faith. When Peter and the others chose to follow Jesus their life was in danger. We can read about how Saul, later known as Paul, pursued Christians with vengeance. He did so with the blessing of the Jewish leaders. The same devil who sought to devour the early Christians stalks his prey today. Christians make a choice each day to take up our cross, crucify our own free will, and follow Christ. Remember, Christ is always with us and once we accept His sacrifice the Holy Spirit is sealed within us. When we choose to wander into sin we take God with us. That should be a sobering thought for any Christian. Christians should not go even one day without reading scripture verses or speaking with our Lord; this is how we stay sober and vigilant. The things that become a hindrance in our walk with Jesus are things we need to get control over. Take a minute and think of everything that you put ahead of Jesus. Jobs are necessary, but they can become first in our lives and be placed ahead of Christ. How about when you get home from your job and just want to relax in front of the TV? Television is a big distraction and filled with glorified sin, so why watch it? Or at least put a recorded Bible tape on and listen to that. When you listen to music do you choose Christian music or do you fill your mind with secular filth? Anything we place ahead of Christ will become a stumbling block in our path. These distractions can be strongholds used by the enemy to get in the way of your Christian walk. Like a roaring lion, the devil is looking to devour you. The next time you feel yourself being led down the wrong path go to your Bible and read through Proverbs. In one way or another, Solomon hits on just about every distraction known to man. Brothers or sisters in Christ can be a great help when it comes to being sober and vigilant. You never know, they may be suffering through the same distractions as you. When you find yourself tempted to stray remember that we have an advocate with God the Father which is Christ Jesus our Lord. I know many Christians who think that they should not pray for themselves. Who knows your struggles better than you? If

you are being sober and vigilant you will always be in prayer so temptation cannot overtake you. Even though the enemy rails against us and wants to devour us, Jesus is always there to defend us. Is there anything more important in life than living as Christ would have us live? When I accepted Christ I found joy that could never be attained by worldly standards. Only living for Christ can bring the peace everyone is looking for. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. In looking at the big picture, life on earth is very short—like the grass and flowers that fade away. How do we please Him? By being sober and vigilant in our Bible study will tell us how to please Him, then living in a way that reflects what we read. In pleasing Him through our lives we also find peace and joy unlike any pseudo-pleasure this world has to offer. Listen to the voice of experience from Peter—be sober, be vigilant. God bless you all,.

**Chapter 2 : "Be Sober Be Vigilant" -**

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour: sober. 1 Peter 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;*

I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand. But his letter, in comparison with the other epistles of the New Testament, is not remarkably short; in fact, is longer than many of them. He regards it as short when measured by the greatness of its theme. We have drawn lessons in previous addresses from the former parts of the closing salutations of this letter. And now I turn to this one to see what it may yield us. All the old MSS. So doth Marcus, my son. He was a relative, probably a cousin Col. If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled. It is the duty of Christians to be settled in the doctrine of faith. The best way for Christians to be settled is to be well grounded. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: If in thy sickness by extremity of pain thou be driven to impatience, meditate-- 1. That thy sins have deserved the pains of hell; therefore thou mayest with greater patience endure these fatherly corrections. That these are the scourges of thy heavenly Father, and the rod is in his hand. If thou didst suffer with reverence, being a child, the corrections of thy earthly parents, how much rather shouldst thou now subject thyself, being the child of God, to the chastisement of thy heavenly Father, â€ Lewis Baylyâ€”The Practice of Piety The Seven Deacons In those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. At the time of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, "there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Among those of the Hebrew faith who were gathered at Jerusalem were some â€ Ellen Gould Whiteâ€”The Acts of the Apostles Exhortations to Christians as they are Children of God 1 There is a bill of indictment against those who declare to the world they are not the children of God: These have damnation written upon their forehead. It were blasphemy to call these the children of God. Drunkards, who drown reason and stupefy conscience. These declare their sin as Sodom. An Exposition of Matthew 5: In the days when Paul preached at Athens, the old capital of Greece, much of the ancient splendour and power of the Greek people had passed away, for the Romans had conquered their country, and they were no longer a free nation. Yet, although the Greeks had been forced to yield to Rome, their conquerors knew that the Grecian scholars and artists were far â€ Mildred Duffâ€”The Bible in its Making Its Source Let us here review, briefly, the ground which we have already covered. We have seen, first, that "to justify" means to pronounce righteous. It is not a Divine work, but a Divine verdict, the sentence of the Supreme Court, declaring that the one justified stands perfectly conformed to all the requirements of the law. Justification assures the believer that the Judge of all the earth is for him, and not against him: Second, we dwelt upon the great and seemingly insoluble â€ Arthur W.

**Chapter 3 : "Be Sober, Be Vigilant" (KJV Bible Baptist Preaching)**

*8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*

To seek, search for, desire, require, demand. Of uncertain affinity; to seek; specially, to worship, or to plot. Who, which, what, why. Probably emphatic of tis; an interrogative pronoun, who, which or what. To drink down, swallow, devour, destroy, consume. From kata and pino; to drink down, i. The best text omits the following "because. As a roaring lion. Peter, however, is not calling attention to the fact that Satan is always prowling about, but he warns the sleeping shepherds that he is especially doing so now. This season of persecution was just his time for picking off one here and another there. Seeking whom he may devour. Pulpit Commentary Verse 8. The imperatives are aorist, as in 1 Peter 4: Because your adversary the devil. The conjunction "because" is omitted in the best manuscripts. The asyndeten, as in the last clause, increases the emphasis. He is called a serpent to denote his subtlety, a lion to express his fierceness and strength. Walketh about, seeking whom he may devour comp. The words express the restless energy of the wicked one. He cannot touch those who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation; but he walketh about, looking eagerly after any lost sheep that may have wandered from the fold. He roars in the craving of his heart for prey, like a hungry lion, seeking whom he may devour, or for the reading here is somewhat uncertain to devour some one, or simply to devour. The Greek word means literally "to drink down;" it implies utter destruction. It is the word in 1 Corinthians Matthew Henry Commentary 5: Where God gives grace to be humble, he will give wisdom, faith, and holiness. To be humble, and subject to our reconciled God, will bring greater comfort to the soul than the gratification of pride and ambition. Does he wait, and wilt not thou? What difficulties will not the firm belief of his wisdom, power, and goodness get over! Then be humble under his hand. Cast all you care; personal cares, family cares, cares for the present, and cares for the future, for yourselves, for others, for the church, on God. These are burdensome, and often very sinful, when they arise from unbelief and distrust, when they torture and distract the mind, unfit us for duties, and hinder our delight in the service of God. The remedy is, to cast our care upon God, and leave every event to his wise and gracious disposal. Firm belief that the Divine will and counsels are right, calms the spirit of a man. Truly the godly too often forget this, and fret themselves to no purpose. The golden mines of all spiritual comfort and good are wholly his, and the Spirit itself. Then, will he not furnish what is fit for us, if we humbly attend on him, and lay the care of providing for us, upon his wisdom and love? The whole design of Satan is to devour and destroy souls. He always is contriving whom he may insnare to eternal ruin. Our duty plainly is, to be sober; to govern both the outward and the inward man by the rules of temperance. To be vigilant; suspicious of constant danger from this spiritual enemy, watchful and diligent to prevent his designs. Be stedfast, or solid, by faith. A man cannot fight upon a quagmire, there is no standing without firm ground to tread upon; this faith alone furnishes. It lifts the soul to the firm advanced ground of the promises, and fixes it there. The consideration of what others suffer, is proper to encourage us to bear our share in any affliction; and in whatever form Satan assaults us, or by whatever means, we may know that our brethren experience the same.

## Chapter 4 : Be Sober, Be Vigilant

*The word sober means to me: be alert. Peter is admonishing us to be sober, be vigilant; because our adversary, the devil, goes around as a hungry, roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. The word seeking implies that he is diligently looking for his prey.*

Video November 8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. Be sober, be vigilant. Now, if you would flip over to 1 Timothy 3, what does it mean to be vigilant? When we think of a vigil, this is when people stay up all night. That is a vigil. Look at 1 Timothy 3. This is part of the qualifications for being a pastor or a bishop. The bible reads in verse two, "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach. Even before his ability to teach is even mentioned. Vigilance is critical because of the fact that the enemy would love to attack the church. For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart. In the Lord put I my trust. Now, look at Proverbs 1. The bible talks a lot about it. Look at verse number 10, "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. Somebody smashed in the window. Obviously, this is a minor thing in comparison to a lot of the bad things that happen in this world. Somebody smashed in one of the windows on our van this week. It was just totally without cause. I literally think that it was just someone just randomly bashing in our window because this is just what some people do for kicks. They just break stuff, destroy things. Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. Look, these people exist. What does the bible say? And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives. So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof. The bible reads in verse 14, "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. This is all they do. This is what they do. Now, go to Jude, the second to last book in the bible, right before the book of Revelation. Turn to Jude, and the bible warns us in a few places that these type of people will even creep into the church itself. Look at this in Jude beginning in verse number four. It says, "For there are certain men crept in unawares. The bible says, " For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. A lot of the people who went with the children of Israel out of Egypt did not believe in the Lord, but they still came with them. They were still among them. He says that they shout even be among us in the church. In , we will have these kind of people who creep in unawares, and they are unbelievers. I would never do that. Just believe the bible when it tells you that they exist. What does it say here in Jude? He said, "Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He was never saved in the first place. Even in the beginning, he said, even when he chose him, he said, "One of you is a devil. We shall not perish. Judas was one, and he was with them for three and a half years. At that point, Peter and John should have known for sure because they just talked about it, asked Jesus. They thought he was making a grocery run. You go buy some more. That are these people that creep in unawares. He needs to be awake, and vigilant, and sober. What does the bible say here? He destroyed them that believe not that were among them. Look at verse six, "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. These people would be so bad, they will be as bad as the people that you read about in

Genesis 18, in the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. He said, "There are those type of people. He says, "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah going after strange flesh, giving themselves over to fornication. These are spots in your feasts of charity," watch this, "when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear. The sermon is about being sober, and being vigilant. Just to point out a couple of things, when you look at these attributes, they all have meaning, each of these attributes. It is beautiful poetry, but it also has profound meaning. They might go out and go through the motions. Judas went out two-by-two and went through the motions. I promise you, Judas did not win anyone unto Jesus Christ because everything brings forth after its own kind. Only a saved person can bring forth another convert unto true salvation. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit and neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. These people are without fruit. They are twice dead. What does it mean to be twice dead? This is someone who is reprobate. This is the person who is twice dead. They are actually reprobate. Three different metaphors here that have to do with them being tossed about, blown about, and also wandering. These people will sometimes go from church to church is what I see there. You know what I mean? Somebody says, "I am a truck driver. Toss to and fro can also have to do with their doctrine. The doctrine will change from place to place, from time to time. It says of the adulteress, her ways are movable. What is the bible saying here with these people? It talks about a double-minded man being unstable in all his ways. It talks about him being driven like a wave and tossed. The bible says in Ephesians 4 that we be not tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine. Listen, we have had many people through the years, our church has been around for almost 10 years, who have come in and turned out to be wicked people, turned out to be violent people, turned out to be a Sodomite, pedophiles, turned out to want to commit adultery, men who wanted to commit adultery, women who wanted to commit adultery. Plus, the bible has warned us over and over again. Look at verse 18, "How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. Look at 2 Peter 2. Now, 2 Peter 2 is a parallel passage with Jude, 2 Peter 2. Now, look what the bible says in 2 Peter 2:

**Chapter 5 : 1 Peter - Bible Gateway**

*"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour: whom resist steadfast faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."*

Please open your Bible to 1 Peter 5: God would work a genuinely spiritual warfare through we who are utter weakness by ourselves. He exhorts us to vigilance and sobriety as a part of His work in us because the present dangers are real for us. In His strength, He would not shelter us from danger, for He is strong enough to let us be "labourers together with God" 1 Corinthians 3: Vigilance and sobriety are essential for us if we would please our Master. I wish to develop a deeper appreciation and understanding of this warning by studying the appropriate definitions and scriptural principles contained in it, and by exploring other related scriptures. To be sober is to be "temperate, moderate, serious, solemn, grave or sedate; characterized by reason, sanity or selfcontrol; showing mental and emotional balance; not extreme or extravagant". Lack of sobriety is a real danger for those who, in their joy for the things of God, give themselves over to emotionalism with reckless abandon. God exhorts men and women both to be sober and to teach sobriety to others: Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. Often in the church perhaps we feel free from danger, but it is here that our adversary is at his deadliest. Only when we reach the portals of home that may we drop our guard. Until then we are, as it were, the soldier at the battle front, the spy in enemy territory, the lifeguard at the pool, the police officer arriving at the scene of some domestic quarrel, the deer and her fawn at the edge of a clearing, the father with his family in a bad neighborhood. Vigilance is an essential quality for the Christian. A clear example of vigilance and sobriety is, as usual, found in the Captain of our salvation, our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Let us follow Him to the garden of Gethsemane and examine the richness of the garden mystery from the book of Luke. It is a story which, when rightly understood, encourages us to be vigilant and sober. And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, and said unto them, Why sleep ye? We know from Matthew It was the only time that Jesus ever asked anyone to pray for Him, as far as we know, and the disciples utterly failed Him in His time of need. Death was a serious matter for our Lord: It was His vigilance during this time of trial that moved Him to pray earnestly, in an agony, for strength from God. His prayer was answered by the appearance of the angel from heaven who strengthened Him for the atoning work ahead of Him. Quietly perhaps, I have probably just "rewritten" the garden experience for you. Think for a moment. Have you always thought that the prayer of Jesus in the garden was "just His humanity coming out"? You thought that Jesus was asking to be delivered from His cross rather than for it. After all, that is what all of the commentaries say. Is it any different than what we have laid in the bosom of our Lord? It is true that many a godly saint has made a wrong request of God: Elijah asked to die and he never did! Dare we place the prayer of our beloved Jesus in the midst of these failures? Jesus had already considered the "wisdom" of praying to be delivered from the cross, and had rejected it as "descending not from above, but as earthly, sensual, and devilish. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: Father, glorify thy name. Instead, He requested that God might be glorified. God always answered the prayers of the Lord Jesus. Yes He did, clearly: And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. If He did not, then Jesus sinned, "for whatsoever is not of faith is sin. Even hypothetically it is hard to write this! It cannot be otherwise. When Jesus was agonizing in the garden of Gethsemane, He was not delirious. He was not hesitant. He was not doubting. He was not careless. He did not temporarily forget why He had come to earth, and the redemption plan that He and His Father had established before the foundation of the world. He did not shrink from the cruel, lonely cross before Him. My Jesus was a Hero in the garden! The mysterious garden prayer was His divinity shining through as the sun shining in its strength. It was a prayer of confident victory and it was answered. It was a prayer of humility and of sobriety and of vigilance. What then was the cause of His great sadness? We are not told exactly but I think we may safely say that it was our great adversary the devil at work. Satan did not know why or perhaps even "if" Jesus was going to die; it was a

"mystery. Granted, it is only speculation, but it satisfies the entire context and brings honor to our Lord. Another thought is that the sadness was from the prospect of separation from His Father and from the sting of the sin He would bear for us. Jesus did not want to die from sadness in the garden. This view does no dishonor to Him either. Perhaps you have a better theory. All that is demanded, which few are able to see it seems, is that the "cup" was not the cross. I must have this. Further speculation is curious and interesting, but not vital. Perhaps you are still not satisfied. You wonder why the Lord then prayed, "Not my will, but thine be done. If Jesus had known that His request would have displeased the Father, do you really think that He would have prayed it? I suggest that the Lord Jesus wanted to go to the cross so wholeheartedly that He wished to plainly deny any hint of "selfwill" in His going. He never said or did anything on His own initiative or in His own will, but personally He wanted nothing more than to die for our sins. He made it clear in His prayers that He would continue in complete dependence and obedience before God in both the seemingly trivial matters of life as well as in the most central ones: He would not be selfwilled. He was willing to submit to the Father even if it meant not going to the cross. His death for us was a matter of obedience to the Father, not a matter of His own doing. For a more in depth look at this, please see This Cup. Jesus knew that His "adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour," 1 Peter 5: It is an example that we should cherish in our beloved Master. We should develop the habit of "continuing instant in prayer" Romans Jesus, as He voluntarily became dependent on God to be like us, could do nothing without His Father: His response to temptation through His selfimposed helplessness is our model and example. Let us cultivate in our hearts to cry out instantly and fervently to God when we are in temptation and danger. Let not the example of Christ be empty spent upon you. Christ also requires, for our example, that those who pastor His people be vigilant, sober men. In 1 Timothy 3: It seems significant that the qualities of vigilance and sobriety are the first two specific character requirements listed for those in church leadership. Preachers who feel they must always begin a sermon with some humor to get the people of God to "lighten up", or who feel the need to interject humor throughout a message in order to please the ticklish ears of men, are missing the truth of sobriety. It is sobering to discover that this tactic is also a device of Satan used to disarm the believer and open him up to deception and compromise. Christian leaders are to manifest the likeness and character of Christ, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. We must remember that men are not won to the truths of God through smooth, pleasant sermons. A pastor ought to be sober among his people: When is it that we can drop our guard? If we drop our vigilance before the time, it is then that we invite trouble from our enemies. If we are to live in oneness with our Father, and enjoy our fellowship and partnership with Him, we must be sober and vigilant and watch for temptations from our adversary. The peril of temptation is itself a part of the design of God. He could, of course, if He would, cause us to walk unthreatened in perfect sinlessness before Him from the instant of our justification. Please do not pretend that He wishes for us to serve Him of our own free will: It is not our own will and strength that produces obedience to God:

### Chapter 6 : Be Sober, Be Vigilant - ServisChillZone

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### Chapter 8 : What does 1 Peter mean?

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Chapter 9 : What does vigilant mean? definition, meaning and pronunciation (Free English Language Diction

*"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking who he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world" (1 Peter ).*