

An Alert Church

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Why the church must be alert

The Church has a mission (Matthew 24:46)

Matthew 28:19 + Mark 16:16

- Preach the Gospel

- Make Disciples

1 Timothy 2:4

- Salvation

- Knowledge of the truth

The devil fights the mission (2 Corinthians 2:11)

Satan's strategies of attacks

Three front strategy

The Family

The Education System

The Church

Strategy against the church

The Seven Churches of Revelation 2 and 3

Spiritual blindness (nominal Christians)

Tribulations/ persecution

False teachings

Usurpation of authority

Lukewarmness

Loss of first love

Poverty and little power

Biblical description of an alert church

Isaiah 21:6-10: “Go, set a **watchman**, let him declare (**report**) what he sees...” - NKJV

Watchman

Report

Action

The model of an alert church -1

The anti-model

The people of Laish - Judges 18

Then the five men departed and came to Laish and saw the people who were there, how they lived in **security**, after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and **unsuspecting**, lacking nothing that is in the earth and possessing wealth, and how they were far from the Sidonians and had **no dealings with anyone** - Judges 18:7 (ESV)

False sense of security

Naive

Isolated

The model of an alert church -2

The model

The Story of Esther and Mordecai - The Book of Esther 4-7

Information,
knowledge and
understanding

Prayer

- Effective prayers (1Corinthians 9:26)
- Fervent prayers (Matthew 17:21)

Acts of wisdom

- Prudence (Proverbs 22:3; Proverbs 13:16)
- Intelligence without deception (Matthew 10:16)

Conclusion

Biblical advice

My people are destroyed for **lack of knowledge**: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that **thou shalt be no priest to me**

- Hosea 4:6 (KJV)

Source of knowledge: the Word of God/ learning from the surrounding (Prov 6:6)/ learning from events (Luke 12:54-56)/ Observation (Luke 16:8)

Sons Of Issachar Vision

INFORMING, CONNECTING, AND EQUIPPING THE BODY OF CHRIST