"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into <u>temptation</u>: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:41 KJV

If we drop our guard for an instant, the flesh rears its ugly head and attacks. Satan is a master manipulator when it comes to men's thoughts. Media is saturated with so much evil that we are numb to it. From women's clothing (or lack thereof) to men kissing men, it sneaks in around the edges of our consciousness through advertisements from billboards to TV, and before we realize it, our thoughts are spiraling downward! We cannot maintain



alertness to evil without constant prayer and meditation in God's Word; communing with my Creator in the Spirit. There is no need to schedule a "time of prayer." I need to remain in prayer without ceasing. That is: to be in constant conversation with God! I must never turn my "communications" off. It is vital to my survival in enemy territory. Things that are seemingly innocent can turn hostile in a flash. We can be overtaken so swiftly that our resistance will be futile. If I stay connected, I will always be forewarned of enemy movements and less likely to fall into a dangerous drowsy stupor. I must not ignore the still small Voice of the Spirit when He speaks. "Let this mind (God's Word) be In you which was also in Christ Jesus. The natural man (physical flesh) receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned (not apparent to the five senses). But he that is spiritual (mind of Christ – God's Word) judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ." God's Word is my "night vision." I must constantly check my communications equipment, read God's Word and meditate, to make sure I'm tuned to the proper frequency if I would to be ready. The night of evil that surrounds us invites, nay, encourages us to slumber. The battle is won and lost with communication. The best weapon in the world cannot protect and defend if the operator is unprepared or asleep. Temptation is an insidious virus that festers quietly and suddenly attacks without mercy! We must bathe constantly with the water of God's Word to stay healthy. We generally do not fall as much as slide into sin. We need to cling to Father's steady hand lest we begin slipping unknowingly away. Meditation in God's Word, day and night, is the key. Forewarned is forearmed. "This Book of the Law (God's Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth (be a part of every conversation); but thou shalt meditate therein (think about) day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: Pray without ceasing." If who you are with does not want to discuss God's Word, you are with the enemy!

> When the day ends and falls the night, When darkness comes and there's no light, Temptation's power will fade away, If we unceasing watch and pray. ~CGP

The night of evil is thick around us. You will be sorely tempted to sleep and slumber. Don't let the Commander find you asleep at your post when He comes. Stay connected!

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the Day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the Armour of Light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." Romans 13:11-14 KJV