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### GOD Is Watching

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*"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil" (1 Peter 3:12).* The "righteous" are the ones over whom God watches in tender care. God is ever watching to bless them. They are here contrasted with "them that do evil." God's protection, guardianship, and care are so meaningful for the Christian. God sees all that happens on the earth. We are prone to accept only that which is visible; and, since we cannot see God watching, we are unmindful of His constant surveillance!

So, it is difficult for any of us to remember always that there is an all seeing eyes watching our every act at all times. Yet, we're told, *"The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth" (Psalm 33:13-14).* God sees and knows all that takes place in the world. *"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" (Proverbs 15:3).* There is no possible way to escape this all seeing eye of God! Job says, *"For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings" (Job 34:21).*

Since God knows all our goings, we should be aware of this, and live accordingly! We should have the same conviction as Hagar in saying, *"Thou God seest*

*me" (Genesis 16:13).* Are you conscious of this as you plan and proceed in your daily affairs? God sees and reads us constantly! *"Hell and destruction are before the Lord: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?" (Proverbs 15:11).* Man becomes utterly foolish in thinking that he can fool God, and hide his sinful behavior! *"Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?" (Isaiah 29:15).* ". . . and be sure your sin will find you out" (Numbers 32:23). *"But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).* Though many of these passages are so well known, yet, how much have they really influenced our personal lives? Are we conscious throughout every day that God is silently observing our deeds and hearing our speech?

We can no more hide from God than could Adam and Eve in the garden. God knew why the prophet (Elijah) was hiding in the cave. Jonah was not hidden from God on the ship, nor yet in the belly of the great fish. Man cannot escape from Him. There

is nothing that can hide from God! *"Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do"* (**Hebrews 4:13**). When Christians are aware that they cannot escape from Him, we should ". . . walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (**Ephesians 4:1-3**). Consciously walking under the surveillance of Almighty God will help:

- 1) A Christian to be an obedient child.
- 2) A Christian to be holy.
- 3) A Christian to be a walking sermon.
- 4) A Christian to be right in God's sight.
- 5) A Christian to be a good steward.
- 6) A Christian to be active in righteousness.
- 7) A Christian to be present at every service.
- 8) A Christian to be one who resists the Devil.
- 9) A Christian to be one who prays
- 10) A Christian to be one who abstains from all appearance of evil.
- 11) A Christian to be servant.
- 12) A Christian to be giver to the church according to what he makes rather than the amount he has left over.
- 13) A Christian to be present at Sunday morning Bible class than staying home to sleep.
- 14) A Christian to put the Lord's business above any other business.
- 15) A Christian to see his own faults and not just the other fellows.

God is observing all we do, and hearing all we say. Possibly no thought would add more zest to life and give it better direction than knowing that God is near and cares for us. Just remember that God is really watching!

## Proverbs for women

1. "The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish tears it down with her own hands. " Proverbs 14:1
2. "An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who shames *him* is like rottenness in his bones. " Proverbs 12:4
3. "A gracious woman attains honor, And ruthless men attain riches. " Proverbs 11:16
4. "As a ring of gold in a swine's snout *So is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.* " Proverbs 11:22
5. "Without consultation, plans are frustrated, But with many counselors they succeed. " Proverbs 15:22
6. "There is gold, and an abundance of jewels; But the lips of knowledge are a more precious thing. " Proverbs 20:15
7. "Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Or you will also be like him. " Proverbs 26:4
8. "Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old. " Proverbs 23:22
9. "Let your father and your mother be glad, And let her rejoice who gave birth to you. " Proverbs 23:25

## Proverbs for men

1. "Hear, my son, your father's instruction And do not forsake your mother's teaching; " Proverbs 1:8
2. "Better is he who is lightly esteemed and has a servant Than he who honors himself and lacks bread. " Proverbs 12:9
3. "The one who despises the word will be in debt to it, But the one who fears the commandment will be rewarded. " Proverbs 13:13
4. "Cease listening, my son, to discipline, *And you will* stray from the words of knowledge. " Proverbs 19:27
5. "A wise man is strong, And a man of knowledge increases power. For by wise guidance you will wage war, And in abundance of counselors there is victory. " Proverbs 24:5-6
6. "He who keeps the law is a discerning son, But he who is a companion of gluttons humiliates his father. " Proverbs 28:7