

## **Alert Living 1 Peter 5:1-11 Oct. 30, 2016**

### **Introduction**

In every activity of life it pays to live like you have *Alert Living*. We all need to know what is going on around us especially because we are Christians and God's power and knowledge is available to us.

### **1. Alert Living with . . Responsible Shepherds. 5:1-4**

It is good to have pastors who know they are biblical shepherds who tend the flock of God. I, like most Christians, want to know about men who are serving well in their church. Recently I met a person who attends a church that has really grown and I asked this man about his pastor. He told me that his pastor was a phenomenal man. He said he can preach very well and he really cares for the flock. He said I have attended my church for many years and have never seen a man like this one. Now the pastor may be very unusual but more of us who pastor need to be better in accepting the work God has given us and seek to do it better through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the daily grace of God. We all need to look at good examples and try to be able to talk to them and learn how God works in their life. A crown is promised to a man who really does a good job of being a Shepherd for the Lord.

### **2. Alert Living by . . Resisting Pride. 5:5-7**

Every one can have an unholy pride about themselves and the work they do. That is not what this text is talking about as we are told to be humble. Humility comes from the Lord and all of us who serve Him need to gain as much of the grace from Him as we can. We are to cast all our cares upon Him because He cares for us and loves to see us do well, also for His churches to do well. Humility is a necessary quality.

### **3. Alert Living with . . Resistance of the Devil. 5:8-11**

Most of us tend to forget the Devil is interested in disturbing us and our Christian life. However he is, and actually seeks to devour us as we work for the Lord. We are told to resist him and stand firm in the faith. Elsewhere we are told to resist him and he will flee from us; that is interesting to know and to recognize how it works in our lives. Most of us could say some area of sin is likely to be a possible problem for us. Have you noticed how often those kind of temptations appear to us? We may serve in an area where some temptations appear to us frequently. If that is so in your community then recognize the Lord can and will strengthen you so you and I can have the victory through His grace and *Alert Living*. Amen? Amen!