

AN ALERT CHRISTIAN

Can you call yourself an alert Christian? Can I call myself an alert Christian? We are all drivers of some form of transportation in life whether it is a truck, car, motorcycle, or an 18-wheeler (or any other type of motor-driven vehicle). We have to be alert to stop signs, traffic lights, oncoming traffic, traffic coming from behind, vehicles in front of us and pedestrians. Our ears have to be alert for police cars, fire trucks, ambulances, and heaven forbid the screeching of the brakes of another car (a very eerie sound I must say). We have learned to put these into practice every time we get behind the steering wheel of our vehicle.

Why does it seem we struggle more with being alert in our Christian walk? We are to be discerning of each and every moment of our time out and about (and at home) of when God is trying to use us or speak to us in our day. People are hurting or in need of assistance. We need to be fine-tuned in recognizing these moments. We have feet (to go), hands (to help), eyes (to see and discern), a heart (to have compassion), a mouth (to speak HIS truth or give encouragement) and ears (to listen to HIM and to others)...all of these God gave us to be used for HIS glory....for HIS purposes.

We also, as Christians, need to be alert for dangers. The enemy is lurking about trying to devise ways to cause us to crash off our path. This may come in our workforce through co-workers that may not have wholesome talk, who gossip about others, or practice a lifestyle contrary to God's Word. The enemy would love nothing more than to lure us into participating in the same things others around us are doing, but we are called to stay alert! We are called to be different. We are called to be imitators of Christ. We are not called to blend in! We are not called to be a camouflaged Christian blending in with our surroundings. The enemy wants to destroy us, our marriages, our families, and our reputation. You and I have got to be an ALERT CHRISTIAN and steer far away from the dangers.

Drivers of motorized vehicles have to read the handbook and put the lessons into practice. Christians need to read THE handbook (the Bible) and put it into practice. May you I be the alert Christian God expects us to be.

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