

# S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



*“So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.”  
Ezekiel 33:7*

## The Watchman

In some places of our world the month of October is considered Pastor Appreciation month. Why would there be a special time set aside to celebrate pastors? This month we will be examining the role of the ministry in our lives.

Our focus verse draws our attention to the importance of the watchman of a city. In Old Testament times, cities were surrounded by huge walls to keep the enemy out. Posted along the walls were watchmen. It was their duty to warn the people if danger was approaching. If they failed to do so, God held them responsible if the people in the city were harmed. A watchman held a very vital and dangerous position. The safety and lives of the people were in his hands.


In this same way, God has placed pastors in our lives to warn us of dangers that Satan might bring our way. It is their duty to preach God’s Word and watch over God’s people. Scripture is very clear about our attitude toward the man of God in our lives in Hebrews 13:17, ***“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”***

It has been said that the Great Wall of China which is centuries old and several thousand miles long was never breached by the enemy, except when a gatekeeper was bribed to look the other way. How important it is to have a watchman who cannot be bribed to look the other way when the enemy comes to offer sin and temptations. Praise God for the minister who watches for our souls!

**Family Prayer:** “Dear Father, thank you for putting a man of God in my life to watch for my soul. Please bless him and keep him strong. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

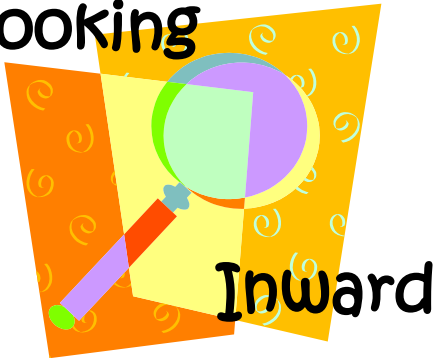


Includes  
Family  
Activities



Want more?  
Scroll down for  
Bonus Pages

Looking



Inward

Let's play a game of "Man of God Trivia." The devotional coordinator can make up as many questions as desired about men of God from the Bible. Contestants can write their answers on paper, play as teams, or just call the answers out loud, whatever works best for your family. The one with the most correct answers wins the trivia match. (Here are a few sample questions to get you started: Who was the preacher who first preached the Gospel to the Gentiles? Who was anointed as the first King of Israel? Who did God speak to as a child in the temple, but he grew up to be a great prophet in Israel? Who preached the message on the day of Pentecost?)

Let's talk

What would our world be like without pastors who preach God's Word? What other responsibilities does the pastor carry besides Sunday and midweek services? In what ways can you be a help to the man of God?



Your Pastor watches over you, but there is a way that your family can watch over him. That is through the power of prayer. Set aside special time this week to intercede for your Pastor and his family. Ask the Lord's anointing over every message, angels of protection, good health, and abundant blessings in his life everyday.

Looking



Outward

## Additional Challenges

Let's take a look at the instructions Paul gave Timothy on being a Pastor.

### *II Timothy 4:2-5*

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ the word; be \_\_\_\_\_ in season, out of \_\_\_\_\_; reprove, \_\_\_\_\_, exhort with all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

What does it mean to be ready in season and out of season?

---

---

(3) For the time will \_\_\_\_\_ when they will not endure \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine; but after their own \_\_\_\_\_ shall they \_\_\_\_\_ to themselves \_\_\_\_\_ having itching ears;

What does it mean to have itching ears?

---

---

(4) And they shall \_\_\_\_\_ away their ears from the \_\_\_\_\_, and shall be \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_.

When people refuse to listen to the truth, what will happen? What are fables?

---

---

(5) But \_\_\_\_\_ thou in all things, endure \_\_\_\_\_, do the work of an \_\_\_\_\_, make full \_\_\_\_\_ proof of thy \_\_\_\_\_.

### *II Corinthians 11:28*

\_\_\_\_\_ those things that are \_\_\_\_\_, that which \_\_\_\_\_ upon me \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of all the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Looks like the Man of God has a lot more responsibilities than just preaching. May we all pray for a burden for souls so that we may be an extension of the pulpit.*



He is our watchman!

