Part Two

The Watchman
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The Responsibility:

The Calling:

The Work:
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The Responsibility: `sha’mar` שמר

The Calling: `tza’phah` צפחה

The Work: `na’tsar` נתן
The Watchman..

The Responsibility: ‘sha’mar’ שָׁמַר
‘The Person who Destroys the Man of Chaos’

The Calling: ‘tza’phah’ צָפָה
‘Compelled to bring forth that which is revealed’

The Work: ‘na’tsar’ נָצָר
‘A life that Keeps what’s most important’
A “Watchman” in Ancient Culture
Where do we find “Watchmen”?

**On the Watchtower..** Security guards overseeing the fields, guarding the harvest from wild animals or thieves
Where do we find “Watchmen”?

**On the Wall..** Soldiers guarding the city from the onslaught of enemies

**Overlooking the Activities of the Community..** Soldiers observing daily life and activities
The Prophets knew their role in culture was that of a “Watchman”..
Essentially every “Prophet” in the Bible knew and understood the role of a “Watchmen”:

- Ezekiel (Ezek. 3:17)
- Isaiah (Isa. 21:6-7)
- Jeremiah (Jer. 6:17)
- Habakkuk (Hab. 2:1)
- Amos (Am. 7:14)
- John the Baptist (Matt. 3:1-3)
- Hosea (Hos. 9:8)
God called Ezekiel a “Prophet” - Ezek. 2:5

Ezekiel 3:17 (AMP)

“Son of man, I have made you a watchman (tza’phah) for the house of Israel; Therefore hear the word of my mouth and give them warning from me.”
Isaiah 21:6 (AMP)

For thus has the Lord said to me: Go, set [yourself as] a watchman, let him declare what he sees. And when he sees a troop, horsemen in pairs, a troop of donkeys, and a troop of camels, he shall listen.
Jeremiah 6:17 (AMP)

Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hear and obey the sound of the trumpet! But they said, We will not listen or obey.
Habakkuk 1:17 (NASB)

I will stand on my guard post
And station myself on the rampart;
And I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, And how I may reply when I am reproved.
To Serve the Community...

Recognizing and alerting of approaching danger.

Observing and speaking-out on society's behavior.
Who are “Watchman” today ?..
Are we today’s “Watchman” ?..
Mark 14:38 (AMP)

[38] Keep awake and watch and pray [constantly], that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Grēgoreō : To watch; give strict attention to, be cautious, active.

To take heed lest through remission and indolence some destructive calamity suddenly overtake one
Luke 21:34 (NIV)

Jesus said; “Be careful (to take head, be aware), or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”
Ephesians 6:18 (AMP)

Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).
1 Peter 5:8 (AMP)

Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be **vigilant** and **cautious at all times**; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon **and devour**.

**Vigilant:** To arise, arouse. **To watch,** to refrain from sleep.
Acts 20:28 (NIV)

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.
1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV)

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.
Matthew 24:42-44 (NIV)

Jesus said; “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.
We are “Watchmen” in our Culture
Culture...

the common reference points for the whole of a society.

It is an integrated system of learned behavioral patterns or “norms” which are the mainline characteristics of the members of that society.
Sub-Culture..

a people within a culture differentiating themselves from the mainstream. But they accept the general “norms” and behaviors of that society.

A subculture may have their own specific characteristics, norms, trappings; they may even have their own language. Yet, even though they attempt to be different, they blend into mainstream society.
Counter-Culture..

presents values and behaviors that differ substantially from the “norms” of mainstream society; their main purpose is to make a difference from what people view as “mainstream.” A counter-culture models their beliefs and hopes presenting an alternative cultural.

A counterculture offers a model that represents an alternative that often pushing society to self-examination, self-criticism, and often self-defense.
The Roman high tribunal initiated a drive to stamp out Christianity as a disturber of pagan unity... [they] had a false notion that a person's conscience could be controlled by law, so they made it illegal to be different. All had to bow to Caesar. All had to conform to pagan custom... Non-conformists were threatened with death, and many chose death rather than to conform to Rome and to compromise their consciences...
Times have changed, but human nature hasn't. The pagan world is still trying to put its stamp of conformity on every follower of Jesus Christ. Every possible pressure is being brought to bear upon Christians to make them conform... The Apostle Paul [Rom 12:2] urges Christians everywhere in all ages to be non-conformists as far as the world system (culture) is concerned.
A true Christian, living an obedient life, is a constant rebuke to those who accept the moral standards of this world.

"How could the early disciples turn the world upside down when millions of Christians can't even keep it right side up today?" ... They didn't conform their faith to the world. They had the truth, and refused to water it down. They had faith they would not compromise.
Because they dared to buck the tide of public opinion and be different, because they dared to believe when other people doubted, because they were willing to risk their lives for what they stood for, because they chose death rather than to live an empty life, the world took notice... In due time, they turned the philosophical and religious world upside down.
How do we watch?

From our **Place of Intimacy** with the Father.. (Prov. 2:6, John 5:19, 12:49, 15:4-6)

From our **Knowledge of the Truth**.. (John 1:14, 8:32, 14:6, 17:17)

From **Discerning the World Around Us**... like an **Umpire ruling right from wrong, good from bad** (Col 3:15, Phil. 1:9-11, Prov. 15:14)

From our **Passion for Transforming Culture** (2 Peter 3:9)
Where Do We Watch... What Do We Guard?

Cultural Trends in...

Family
Education
Government & Judicial
Business & Medicine
Arts & Entertainment
Media
Religion
How do we Stay Informed... to the world around us.
“Sons of Issachar” 1 Chronicles 12:32

News Reports; TV, Radio, Web-based Journalism

Specialty Newsletters & Emails subscriptions

Culturally Relevant Ministry Emails

Attending Community Meetings
Proverbs 8:32-35 (NASB)

[32] “Now therefore, O sons[ben], listen (HEAR) [‘sha’ma’] to me, For blessed are they who keep [‘sha’mar’] my ways. [33] “Heed (UNDERSTAND) [‘sha’ma’] instruction and be wise, And do not neglect it. [34] “Blessed is the man who listens (OBEY) [‘sha’ma’] to me, Watching (with authority [לְשָׁמַר]) [‘sha’qad’ ] daily at my gates, Waiting [‘sha’mar’] at my doorposts. [35] “For he who finds me finds life and obtains favor from the LORD.
Prophetic Watchmen is Called to...

SEE what others can not see

HEAR what others do not hear

SAY what others will not say

Go where others dare not go
Arise, Shire People of God!

Answer the Call

YOU ARE...

Watchmen

Living in this world, empowered by God, reflecting Christ

Changing Spiritual Climate, Transforming Culture!
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"Son of man, I have made you a watchman .."

Thank You.. God richly bless you!