

# Stay Alert

## Reflection

Peter warns believers to be sober-minded and alert because the enemy is always looking for opportunities to tempt, discourage, and distract. Spiritual complacency creates vulnerability. None of us are immune to temptation, and none of us are beyond making serious mistakes. Awareness of our weaknesses should drive us toward dependence upon God rather than confidence in ourselves.

## Illustration

A watchman who falls asleep leaves the city vulnerable. Vigilance helps protect against dangers that might otherwise go unnoticed.

## Application

Consider areas where you are most vulnerable to temptation. Ask God to help you recognize danger before it becomes a serious problem.

## Prayer

Father, help me remain alert and dependent upon You. Guard my heart and strengthen me against temptation.