What is a **Watchman?**

Memory Verse – Ezekiel 22:30 "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that should not destroy it: but I found none."

Text: Ezekiel 22: 23-31

A good watchman will:

1. Have close communion with God (Ezekiel 22:23, John 11:49)

   a) Meditates on God's Word (Psalms. 119:9,11,15-16)

      1. The Holy Spirit illumination (I Corinthians 2:8-11)

   b) Spends time in prayer (Mark 13:33)

   c) Obeys God's direction (Ephesians 4:30)

2. Help others to have a close communion with God by sharing the truth (Ezekiel 24:19)

   a) Shares personal testimony (Ezekiel 24:19)

   b) Helps people evaluate the condition of their relationship with God. (James 1:23)

   c) Helps people understand God and his principles.

3. Be a protector of those in their care (Ezekiel 22:25)

   a) Watches for false teachers and false doctrines walking circumspectly (Romans 16:17, Philippians 3:17)

   b) Will not profit from his work.

4. Keeps himself holy and will not participate in:

   a) Conspiracy (Ezekiel 22:25)

      1. Prophets often worked alone, but never worked as a group to conspire

   b) Scare tactics to manipulate people to conformity. (Ezekiel 22:25)

   c) Devour souls, treasures and precious things (Ezekiel 22:25)

   d) Ignoring God's law and failing to keep his things Holy, such as the Sabbath (Ezekiel 22:26)

   e) Creating confusion by removing distinctions between the clean and the unclean, holy and profane. (Ezekiel 22:26)

   f) Activities or thoughts that defile God or himself (Ezekiel 22:26)

   g) Speak empty and false words of comfort (Ezekiel 22:28)

5. Stand in the gap as an intercessor (Ezekiel 22:30) – as Abraham did for the righteous people in Sodom and Gomorrah

   a) A consequence for failure (Ezekiel 31)

   b) A call – will commit, or recommit to being a faithful watchman?