

**“A Watchman Must . . . . .”**

**2 John 1: 1-13**

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**The Watchman's Battle Cry:**  
**1 Corinthians 16: 13**

***“Watch”*** = give attention, keep  
awake, be vigilant

***“Stand fast in the faith”*** =  
persevere, stand firm

***“Be brave, be strong”*** = act like  
men, increase in vigor,  
become stronger and  
stronger

***“Let all you do be done in love”***

**Focus of 1 John** - our fellowship  
with God

**Focus of 2 John** - protect our  
fellowship from  
those who teach  
falsehood

## Verse 1 - 3

*A Watchman must . . . . .*  
watch and encourage

**A watchman must give  
encouragement to know the truth!**

**A WATCHMAN MUST KNOW:**

*Jesus is the truth*

*“Everyone who is of the truth hears  
My voice.” John 18:37*

*“My sheep hear My voice and I  
know them and they follow Me.”  
John 10:27*

## A WATCHMAN MUST:

Encourage everyone of the truth of God's grace, mercy and peace

## Verse 4 - 6

*A Watchman must . . . . .*  
watch and practice the truth



Many hear the Word, but few heed  
the Word

heed = regard with care, take  
careful attention

*“It’s much easier to study the  
truth or even argue the truth,  
than to practice the truth.”*

(Warren Wiersbe)

## John's plea to the lady:

Love one another, even those who are mad at you

## Application:

You are a watchman, you will be attacked by other Christians  
- *DO NOT RESPOND IN KIND!!*

## Verse 7 - 11

*A Watchman must . . . . .*  
**watch and stand against error**

## A WATCHMAN MUST:

Watch out for deceivers -  
*SPOT THEM!!*

Deceiver = a roving tramp, a  
vagabond, an imposter!!

## What do deceivers do?

Mix truth with lies

## TODAY'S DECEIVERS:

All cults, universalism, the prosperity gospel, the new age movement, legalism, hyper-grace, the emerging church, etc.

## WATCHMAN - Your job:

*“Look to yourselves”*

Keep watch - *Spot them, don't be fooled!*

# How do we respond to false teaching as it arises in the Church?

- Preach Christ
- Reinforce Biblical doctrine
- Cling to the highest authority,  
***THE WORD OF GOD!!***

**WATCHMAN - Finish strong and  
receive a full reward**

***“I have fought the good fight, I  
have finished the race, I have kept  
the faith.” 2 Timothy 4: 7-8***

# WATCHMAN - Stand against false doctrine

## What is true doctrine?

Something that was taught by Jesus and the Apostles

## WARNING:

Galatians 1: 8-9



Does verse 10 mean we should never invite a Mormon or Jehovah's Witness into our home?

In context, these were house churches - don't give them a platform in your church!!

WARNING: *"He who greets him shares in his evil deeds"* - verse 11

Remember Syncretism:

Mixing false with truth always equals **FALSE!!**

Verse 12 - 13

*A Watchman must . . . . .*  
watch and hold on

**You, WATCHMAN:**

**Keep watch and hold on until  
Jesus come**

**1 Thessalonians 5: 21**

**CONCLUSION: A WATCHMAN  
MUST . . . . .**

Allow me to close with these  
words from **Ezekiel 33: 7-11**

A **WATCHMAN** must take personal  
responsibility

A **WATCHMAN** must guard our  
lives, our homes and sound the  
alarm

CONCLUSION: *A WATCHMAN  
MUST . . . . .*

A WATCHMAN must tell people the truth

A WATCHMAN must watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong - 1 Corinthians 6: 13

***A WATCHMAN MUST  
WATCH!!***