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does it mean? I don't think this word "watch" ever means watch for signs. This word isn't "look for signs". This word is "be wide awake", "be active", "be vigilant", "be in service for the Lord." It doesn't mean "look for signs". It says, "Watch, for he comes at an hour when ye think not," and He says, "If the goodman had known what hour the thief would come, He would not have suffered his house to be broken in," and He says, "Blessed is that servant whom the Lord finds watching when He comes." He doesn't mean peering out the door--"Is he coming soon, is he coming soon?". He means active and vigilant in His service. He means protecting the things that have been assigned to the man to do. It is an argument for Christian living. It is not an argument for curiously looking for the return of Christ. (Student) Because you know the times or seasons? When He says repeatedly in the gospels that no man knows the time nor season. Christ said in Acts 1 that the times and the seasons you are not to know. God has kept them in His own power, and he has said here seven or eight times in the Bible, He says, "No man knows, not the angels in heaven, when the Son of man shall come." I mean, if those things are taught there then is it right to take 1 Thessalonians 5 as teaching that we do know signs and seasons or is it right to take 1 Thessalonians 5 as meaning that the other people who say, "Peace and safty," sudden destruction comes on them. To them the day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night, just when they think the United Nations is reaching its climax and bringing peace and safety all over the earth and everything is wonderful, then a lot of misery and havoc and terror of the day of the Lord comes on them, but you brethren, he says, there is no reason that they should overtake you as something that is just--you lose everything, the thief takes everything away. He says, "You're the children of light and the children of day. Let's not sleep as do others, let's watch and be sober." It doesn't mean watch for the thief. This word watch doesn't mean that. He means, "Let us be active and be wide awake and