

Furthermore, the watchman is a watchman for all of the city. He is not merely a watchman for other watchmen. He is not simply a watchman for those who pay his salary. He is not simply a watchman for those who stand with him. He is a watchman for the whole city. Even though some of those who truly believe in Christ and who are truly serving Him should fail to see the need of the watchman's services, or should even oppose the performance of these vital tasks, still the true watchman is protecting them as well as the other members of the city of God. The work of the watchman is for the benefit of the whole city, even when part of the city may fail to appreciate it. His fire is directed against the enemy who are trying to destroy the city, not against those who may be ignorantly or foolishly neglecting to help in its defense. It is the duty of all Christians to assist in the work of the watchman and to uphold his hands. It is the duty of the watchman to protect all true Christians in their work, and to support them even if they fail in this part of their duty and refuse to uphold his hands as they should.

Year after year it has been a great pleasure for me to participate in successive Christian Beacon Banquets, fellowshiping with those who recognize the importance of the work of the watchman, rejoicing in the work that the Beacon is doing, anxious to uphold its hands and to extend its work.

How we all rejoice in the spread of the 20th Century Reformation Hour Broadcast in these last two years! Surely God has raised up Dr. McIntire and the Christian Beacon for such a time as this.

Watchman, tell us of the night. What are the forces that would engulf us? What are the trends against which we must vigorously watch?