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seems to fit exactly with Ephesians 6:18. It's " ", and then the same word is used--it's used only four times in the New Testament but the other case is in Hebrews 13:17 and in Hebrews 13:17 it says "Obey them that have the rule over you,"--oh, this one is "watch for" and submit yourselves, for they watch for your souls". They watch for your souls, just like you watch for the car. It's not that at all. "They watch for your souls." They are not looking for your souls to come. Nothing of the kind. They are watching on behalf of your souls. They're vigilant, they're active, they are wide awake. They are going something. They are keeping themselves full of--well, they're keeping their resources in their hands in order that they may do something for your souls. You see neither of these two has anything in them of the idea of looking for something to come. Now the noun " " is used in 2 Corinthians twice, the only cases in which it occurs in the New Testament, and if I am not mistaken one of those is in 2 Corinthians 6:5 where Paul says, "In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings," and that doesn't describe that he was watching the clock or that he was watching for the coming of a friend. It's very clearly in times when he was unable to get his proper sleep, times when he was so occupied with the work that he had to just keep at it regardless of the fact that he felt such a desire to receive the sleep he needed. The other instance is in 2 Corinthians 11:27 which is the same thing exactly. It is Paul speaking of his perils among false brethren, in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. That is not looking for someone to come, nor is it keeping your eye on something. It is an attitude of being wide awake, an attitude of being vigilant. Now the other word, " " is used much more. It is used 23 times and in the majority of the cases it is used in the sense of, is translated in the English, rather, "to watch", but not always. In 1 Thessalonians 5:10 it is translated "wait". In 1 Peter 5:8