

## *Waiting vs. Vigilance*

Waiting is  
negative and passive;  
vigilance is  
positive and active.

Waiting is  
resigned and empty;  
vigilance is  
eager and full.

Waiting  
responds and reacts;  
vigilance  
initiates and probes.

Waiting passes time;  
vigilance uses it.  
Waiting dulls the senses;  
vigilance sharpens them.

Waiting is a drag;  
vigilance gives drive.

You tolerate  
waiting,  
but devote yourself  
to vigilance.  
You wait for  
a chance,  
but keep vigil for  
an opportunity.  
You are distracted  
while waiting.  
but recollected  
when vigilant.

Vigilance is  
hanging in there;  
waiting is just  
hanging around.  
Vigilance leads to  
preparation;  
waiting ends in  
exasperation.

Vigilance participates  
in life;  
waiting makes you  
a spectator.

When, therefore,  
Scripture says,  
“The Lord is coming!”  
we are invited  
not to wait,  
but to be vigilant.

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