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- **5)** I approach God with **confidence** (*Heb. 10:19*). Boldly I approach (*Heb. 4:16*)! I know my sins are forever taken care of (*Heb. 10:17*)! I know I am fully accepted in Christ (Eph. 1:6)! I know I am dressed in His righteousness, faultless to stand before His throne!
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- **9)** I approach God with **alertness**. I must stay awake and stay mentally alert (*Col. 4:2*). Watch and pray!
- **10)** I approach God in **submission**. God is not a "genie" to whom I demand what I want. "Not my will but THINE be done!" May the submissive attitude of my heart be this: "I delight to do Thy will, O God" (*Psalm 40:8*).

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