

## GOSPEL PEARLS

# Growing in virtue

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Jesus said to his disciples:

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy  
from carousing and drunkenness  
and the anxieties of daily life,  
and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.

For that day will assault everyone  
who lives on the face of the earth.

Be vigilant at all times

and pray that you have the strength  
to escape the tribulations that are imminent  
and to stand before the Son of Man."

(Lk 21:34-36)