

“Act Like Men”

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

“Train up a child in the way he should go- but be sure to go that way yourself!”

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Road Map

- 1) **“Be on your guard!”**
- 2) **“Stand firm in the faith”**
- 3) **“Be strong!”**
- 4) **Exhortation for Godly Men! (Or, How do we apply this?)**

1- "Be on your guard!"

- 2 Cor 11:3 tells us that Eve's was deceived by the serpent.
 - Gen 3:6 tells us Adam was right there with Eve
 - James 4:17
- "Be Watchful" or "Be on your guard"
 - 2 Peter 3:17 Be on guard so that you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing.
 - 1 Timothy 3:20 Timothy, guard what God has entrusted to you.

1- "Be on your guard!"

- Phil 4:7 His (God's) peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.
- 2 Thess 3:3 But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.

2- "Stand firm in the faith"

- Eph 6 tells us that we must be equipped to stand up against the evil one.
 - Verse 14 says that after being fully equipped we are to "stand firm."
 - Gal 5:1 "Stand firm... do not submit again to the yoke of slavery."
 - 2 Thess 2:15 "Stand firm and hold to what we taught you."

Isa 46:8-9 "Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me

3- "Be strong!"

Jesus, our ultimate example:

- 1 Peter 2:24 says that Jesus "bore our sins in his body"
- 1 Peter 2:23 "When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly."

3- "Be strong!"

To God be the Glory"

- 1 Peter 4:11 "whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."
- 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

4-Exhortation for Godly Men!

- **To be a man of God is to be distinctive.**
 - The man of God is submitted to Christ
 - James 4:7, Romans 8:5
- **To be a man of God is to lead.**
 - Leading is simply walking out in front- setting the example!

4-Exhortation for Godly Men!

- **Jesus our ultimate example**
 - Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her
 - Rom 5:8 While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- What kind of man do you aspire to be?

