

The Christian's Duty In A Nutshell

1 Cor. 16:13-14

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- Watch ye,
- Stand fast in the faith,
- Quit you like men,
- Be strong.
- Let all that ye do be done in love.

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- **NASB** → 14 “Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. 15 Let all that you do be done in love.”
- **ESV** → 14 “Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. 15 Let all that you do be done in love.”

“Be Alert” – Be Vigilant

- Be awake, constantly on the alert; watchful.
 - A determined effort at alertness. (Matt. 26:40; 24:42)
 - Don’t be overtaken by spiritual dangers and your ultimate enemy.
 - “Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour,” (I Pet. 5:8)
 - Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. (Acts 20:31)

“Be Alert” -- Vigilant

- For the leavening effects of tolerated sin. (I Cor. 5:6)
- Satan’s temptations. (I Cor. 7:5)
- The spiritual well-being of your brothers and sisters in Christ. (I Cor. 5:5; 8:8-13)
- The danger of becoming unfaithful. (I Cor. 9:27; 10:12)
- Your thoughts when partaking of the Lord’s Supper. (I Cor. 11:27-31)
- For the influence of false teachers. (I Cor. 15:33)

Stand Firm In The Faith – Be Steadfast

- I Cor. 15:1-5 → 1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received (cf. Acts 18:8), and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 5 And that he was seen...

Stand Firm In The Faith – Be Steadfast

- Hold fast to the truth. (Eph. 4:5; Jn. 17:17; II Thess. 2:15; Jude 3)
- Eph. 4:14-15 → That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

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- Hold fast to the truth. (Eph. 4:5; Jn. 17:17; II Thess. 2:15)
 - Eph. 6:11-14 → 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

“Be Strong” – Be Strengthened

- Eph. 6:10 → Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might.
 - By the word of God. (Acts 20:32)
 - By mutual edification. (Heb. 10:24-25)
 - By prayer. (Js. 1:5; Eph. 3:16)
 - By trials. (Js. 1:2-3)
 - By spiritual training (constant practice; exercise). (Heb. 5:14)

Act Like Men --Be Mature

- I Cor. 3:1-4 → And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, as unto babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not with meat; for ye were not yet able *to bear it*: nay, not even now are ye able; 3 for ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you jealousy and strife, are ye not carnal, and do ye not walk after the manner of men? 4 For when one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not men?
- I Cor. 14:20 → Brethren, be not children in mind: yet in malice be ye babes, but in mind be men.
- Attitudes of a mature Christian. (I Cor. 6:7; 8:13; 12:25-26)

Let All That You Do Be Done In Love

- Matt. 22:36-40 → Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 And he said unto him, *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.* 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second like *unto it* is this, *Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.* 40 On these two commandments the whole law hangeth, and the prophets.
- I Cor. 13:13 → But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love.
- I Cor. 16:22 → If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! (ESV)