***1Corinthians 16:13-14***

***Watch Ye, Stand Fast in the Faith***

1. Directives to a Beloved but Immature Church

* Paul the loving father to his children 1Cor 1:4-6; 4:15
* Paul the general to his soldiers 2Cor 10:3-4; 1Cor 9

1. Watch Ye

* Be on the alert, actively cautious 2Cor 2:11
* Observation, Assessment, Decisive Action
* Alert for Danger from what quarters?

The world Eph 4:14; 1Tim 4:6; Titus 2:6-7; Mk 12:30; 1Jn 4:1; 1Thess 5:21-22

Within the church Jam 3:16; Heb 12:15; Gal 5:15-16; Phil 2:1-4

Within my heart, my flesh Jer 17:9-10; Gal 6:1-3; Psa 51:6; Eph 4:2

1. Stand Fast in the Faith

* Staunch, immovable, persistent
* The faith = the body of God’s revealed truth, particularly the gospel. 2Cor 11:3; 1Cor 15:1-4, 58
* Sola fide, justification by faith alone

1. Quit You Like Men, Be Strong

* Be courageous, as is fitting for a man. Do not let fears rule you. (motive, initiative) Phil 4:6-7
* Exert our wills to carry out God’s will with the strength that God provides (whole-hearted execution); Be courageous and strong coupled together. Josh 1:5-9; Eph 6:10-11; Acts 23:11; Prov 31:10
* Spiritually strong men and women, in the realms and roles to which God has assigned

1. Let All Be Done with Love

* Love, agape = affection, good will, benevolence, deep fondness, to hold dearly, seek the best and highestgood 1Thess 2:8
* Umbrella of loving motivation over the previous 4 directives. 1Cor 13:4-7