

All That You Do; 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

- I. Faith and love
 - a. 1 Corinthians 16:13–14 (ESV) ¹³ Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love.
 - b. Faith and love are constants in Christ
 - i. Everything we do has its roots in faith and love
 - ii. Colossians 3:14 (ESV) ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
 - iii. The two greatest commands are love (God and people)
 - c. Without love, faith is nothing
 - i. 1 Corinthians 13:1–3 (ESV) ¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.
 - ii. Hebrews 11:6 (ESV) ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.
 - d. Faith and love are requirements for people of God
- II. Be Watchful
 - a. In the faith
 - b. To stay awake, to be in constant readiness, *be on the alert* ¹
 - i. USAF Security Forces General Orders
 - 1. I will take charge of my post and protect personnel and property for which I am responsible, until properly relieved.
 - 2. I will report all violations of orders that I am entrusted to enforce and call my superior in any case not covered by instructions.
 - 3. I will sound the alarm in any case of disorder or emergency.
 - ii. Remember, this is all 'in the faith'
 - iii. We are sentries, we keep our eyes open!
 - iv. We are vigilant, looking for enemies and hostile influences
 - v. We sound the alarm when we see danger
 - vi. 1 Peter 5:8 (ESV) ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
 - vii. Jude 23 (ESV) ²³ save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.
 - c. We must be the sentinels, the sentries, the watchmen in constant readiness, on the alert
- III. Stand Firm
 - a. In the faith

¹ William Arndt et al., [*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*](#) (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 208.

- b. To be firmly committed in conviction or belief ²
 - c. Too many people have let outside influences lead them away from Christ
 - i. It can be anything from tragedy, to greed, to hunger for power
 - ii. When we are at our most vulnerable Satan will strike
 - iii. Know what your weaknesses are because that is where he will attack (we are only as strong as our weakest link)
 - iv. Don't let these attacks (or temptations) move you
 - 1. Demas fell into that trap
 - 2. Hymenaeus and Alexander 'made shipwreck' of their faith and Paul 'handed them over to Satan'
 - 3. Don't think that it cannot happen to you
 - 4. Have a plan to combat the attacks
 - 5. 1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV) ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.
 - 6. "The admonition to stand and to be firm is directed against wavering, uncertainty, or doubt, the result of which is so often that the faith is lost. We stand in the faith, not like a dead post that has been driven into the ground, but as a living tree that fixes its roots ever deeper into the ground." ³
 - v. Nothing is more important than your faith!
 - vi. Romans 8:18 (ESV) ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
 - d. Stand firm in THE Faith, not letting anything move you from the one who can save your soul
- IV. Act Like Men
- a. In the faith
 - b. *Conduct oneself in a courageous way* ⁴
 - i. "This carries the weight of "Stop acting like spiritual infants, quarreling, boasting and indulging yourselves without discipline!" Many church problems are due to pure infantilism on the part of members who do not grow up spiritually." ⁵
 - ii. We get caught up in things that are not important
 - iii. "Of first importance," Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15
 - 1. Christ died for our sins

² Ibid, 944.

³ R. C. H. Lenski, [*The Interpretation of St. Paul's First and Second Epistle to the Corinthians*](#) (Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Publishing House, 1963), 773.

⁴ William Arndt et al., [*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*](#) (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 76.

⁵ Coffman, James Burton. "Commentary on 1 Corinthians 16". "Coffman Commentaries on the Bible". <https://www.studydrive.org/commentaries/eng/bcc/1-corinthians-16.html>. Abilene Christian University Press, Abilene, Texas, USA. 1983-1999.

- 2. He was buried
 - 3. He was resurrected
 - 4. He appeared to many
 - iv. 1 Corinthians 2:2 (ESV) ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.
 - c. We call for unity
 - i. Ephesians 4:1–6 (ESV) ¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
 - ii. Yet, we argue over so many other things
 - d. We must act like people of the Faith!
- V. Be Strong
- a. In the faith
 - i. I am reminded of God’s words to Joshua, “be strong and courageous”
 - ii. Do not have a spirit of timidity or fear
 - iii. Be strong and courageous! Fear not! Do not be afraid! (Found 103 times in the bible)
 - 1. Those are just the words found
 - 2. The concept is found repeatedly (some say 365 times)
 - iv. There are Christians in Afghanistan (and many other countries) who really need this encouragement from God
 - v. Romans 8:15 (ESV) ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”
 - vi. 2 Timothy 1:6–7 (ESV) ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.
 - b. Fan the flame of your faith, be strong and courageous!
- VI. In Love
- a. 1 Corinthians 16:14 (ESV) ¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love.
 - b. A self-sacrificing love that puts the needs of others ahead of yourself
 - c. Matthew 22:37–40 (ESV) ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”
 - i. Our motivation for all we do is Jesus’ love for us (not ours for Him)
 - ii. 1 Corinthians 13:4–8a (ESV) ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends

iii. Colossians 3:17 (ESV) ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

d. We do everything out of Jesus' love for us

VII. Faith and Love

a. 1 Corinthians 13:13 (ESV) ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

b. Be watchful, stand firm, be courageous, be strong in the Faith

c. Our faith and love can falter, change, even fail

d. The Faith will never fail

e. Jesus' love will never fail