

# Act Like Men

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Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. <sup>14</sup> Let all that you do be done in love.

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ must be prepared. (V 13)

- a. The Corinthians had failed to be \_\_\_\_\_. (*Eph 6; Col 4*)
  - i. Why? \_\_\_\_\_ and indifference had opened the gates for sin to enter. (*1 Cor. 5:1-11*)
  - ii. How? They must watch for \_\_\_\_\_ influences within the church. (*5:12-13*)
- b. The believers were told to stand firm in the \_\_\_\_\_. (*15:1*)
  - i. Why? The wisdom of man was gripping the church. (*6:12 & 7:1-2*)
  - ii. How? \_\_\_\_\_ commitment to scriptural authority will provide solid footing. (*14:37-15:2*)

### 2. The Church must \_\_\_\_\_ a brave resolve. (V 13)

- a. Paul exhorts them to possess a \_\_\_\_\_ courage. (*1 Sam 4:9*)
  - i. Why? The Corinthians had behaved with \_\_\_\_\_ actions. (*3:1-4; 4:14-21*)
  - ii. How? Growing in knowledge and grace is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all believers. (*2 Peter 3:14-18; Eph 4:11-16*)
- b. The saints should \_\_\_\_\_ in spiritual strength. (*Eph 3:16*)
  - i. Why? The Corinthians were unable to \_\_\_\_\_ worldly influence.
  - ii. How? Strength comes only from the Lord and is \_\_\_\_\_ over time. (*2 Cor 12:4-9*)

### 3. The Church must do all things in \_\_\_\_\_. (V 14)

- a. Paul made it clear to his audience that love was lacking within the church.
  - i. Why? Selfishness was the root of the \_\_\_\_\_ and other sins.
  - ii. How? Wholeheartedly committing to the church's \_\_\_\_\_ and good. (*1 Cor 13*)