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"Marching Orders: A Call to Lead"

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Introduction

A. 1 Corinthians 4:14

I. Be Watchful

- a. The Greek word grēgoreō – watch, be alert.
- b. 1 Thessalonians 5:10 Paul says, "[Christ] who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.
- c. 1 Thessalonians 5:6
- d. The New Testament says a lot about what we are to watch for.
 - i. Be on the Alert for Satan (1 Peter 5:8)
 - ii. Be on the Alert for Temptation (Mark 14:38)
 - iii. We need to watch out for apathy and indifference in our own lives
Revelation 3 (The church at Sardis).
 - iv. Be on the Alert for false teaching. (1 Timothy 4:3)

II. Stand Firm in the Faith

- a. The Greek word for "Stand firm" is steko Which means to be firmly committed in conviction or belief.
- b. As believers, what are the biblical issues we should remain resolute on?
 - i. We must be resolved to Stand firm on the Word of God.
 - ii. We must be resolved to Stand Firm on the person of Christ.
 - iii. We must be resolved to Stand Firm on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- c. The Bible instruct us to be firm in our faith
 - i. 2 Thessalonians 2:14
 - ii. Philippians 4:1
 - iii. Philippians 1:27
 - iv. Galatians 5:1
 - v. Colossians 4:12

III. Act like Men

- a. The word andrizō carries the meaning of maturity and courage.
- b. The Bible commands believers to grow in maturity
 - i. 2 Peter 3:18
 - ii. Ephesians 4:13

IV. Be Strong

- a. 1 Corinthians 4:7-10

- b. James 4:6
- c. 2 Corinthians 12:10
- d. 1 Corinthians 11:30
- e. There are many references in the Bible encouraging believers to be strong.
 - i. Ephesians 6:10 Be strong in the Lord against Satan
 - ii. Philippians 4:13 be strong in the midst of suffering.
 - iii. Colossians 1:10-11
 - iv. Psalm 27:14

V. Let all that you do be done in love.

- a. Ephesians 3:14-19