

**"A BIBLICAL CHALLENGE TO GODLY MEN"**

**1 CORINTHIANS 16:13,14**  
**(A FATHER'S DAY SERMON)**

**INTRO:** I have a question to all men under the sound of my voice today. **"DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR SELF A GODLY MAN?"** Now let me attempt to qualify and simplify the question. **A Godly man is one who HAS TRUSTED CHRIST AS PERSONAL SAVIOR AND WHO DESIRES TO TRUST, OBEY AND SERVE GOD EVERY MOMENT OF HIS LIFE. Does that describe you?** If it does, PRAISE THE LORD and you are encouraged to continue in the way you are going. If it does not, **YOU CAN BECOME A GODLY MAN TODAY.** The Bible is loaded with instructions for one who wants to be a GODLY MAN. One of the passages that gives us some insight is found in 1 Corinthians 16:13,14 that we shall study today. In this passage, we see FIVE CHALLENGES FOR ALL MEN WHO DESIRE TO BE GODLY. Let's Observe.

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***I. THE CHALLENGE TO WATCH - VS. 13a***

**THE POINT:** The challenge is for the godly man to be spiritually awake and alert as opposed to being spiritually indifferent or listless. 22 times the challenge to "WATCH" is given in the N.T.

- A. Men, Watch What is Going on Around You
  - 1. Watch the World (Satan's Domain) - 1 John 2:15-17
    - Either one of the components of the world will destroy a godly man.
  - 2. Watch the Wiles of the Devil (Satan's tricks) - Ephesians 6:11
    - Satan's wiles are designed to destroy the godly man.
- B. Men, Watch What is Going on Within You
  - 1. Watch Your Thoughts - Philippians 4:8
  - 2. Watch Your Motives - 1 Corinthians 6:19,20
  - 3. Watch Your Actions - Colossians 3:17,18

**HOW ARE WE TO WATCH?** By having a close walk with the Lord - 1 John 2:6

**ILLUSTRATION:**

***II. THE CHALLENGE TO STAND FIRM - VS. 13b***

**THE POINT:** The challenge is to stand firm in the truth and the content (doctrine) of scripture

- A. Stand Firm IN the Faith
  - MAINTAIN SOUND DOCTRINE (Will guarantee godly living)
    - 1. Endeavor to Know God's Word
    - 2. Endeavor to Engraft God's Word
    - 3. Endeavor to Live God's Word
- B. Stand Firm FOR the Faith
  - IDENTIFY FALSE DOCTRINE (Will destroy godly living)
    - 1. In Your Life
    - 2. In Your Family
    - 3. In Your Church

**HOW ARE WE TO STAND FIRM?** By practicing good doctrine - Psalm 119:11

**ILLUSTRATION:**

***III. THE CHALLENGE TO BE MATURE - VS. 13c***

**THE POINT:** The challenge is to reject childishness and develop a spiritual and emotional pattern of living.

- A. Be Mature in Personal Control - Galatians 5:16
- B. Be Mature in Personal Confidence - Hebrews 10:35
- C. Be Mature in Personal Courage - Joshua 1:9

**HOW ARE WE TO BE MATURE?** By having a great desire for the Word of God and for what it will do in us - 2 Timothy 3:16,17

**ILLUSTRATION:**

***IV. THE CHALLENGE TO BE STRONG - 13d***

**THE POINT:** The challenge is to avoid personal strength and apply the strength of God in all things.

- A. The Warning Regarding our Strength
  - 1 Corinthians 10:12 = Remember that in your own strength you can fail.

B. The Way of Receiving our Strength

- 2 Timothy 2:1 = **Be Strong by God's Grace**

HOW ARE WE TO BE STRONG? **By practicing self-sacrifice, self-denial, and self-discipline - Philippians 4:13**

ILLUSTRATION:

#### ***V. THE CHALLENGE TO BE LOVING - VS. 14***

THE POINT: **The challenge is to engraft the most comprehensive biblical principal in our lives that compliments and balances every other Christian virtue.**

- A. Love Keeps "WATCHING" from becoming CRITICAL.
- B. Love Keeps "FIRMNESS" from becoming HARD and DOMINEERING.
- C. Love Keeps "MATURITY" GENTLE and CONSIDERATE
- D. Love Keeps "STRENGTH" from becoming SELF-RIGHTEOUS

HOW ARE WE TO BECOME LOVING? **By allowing the power of the Holy Spirit to work in our life - Romans 5:5**

ILLUSTRATION:

APPLICATION/LESSON:

**God wants GODLY MEN.** God has given us clear instruction on how every Christian man can become a godly man. All that Christian men need to do is to obey the principles of God.

Certain things to consider:

- 1) Sir, make sure you are saved.
- 2) Christian fellow - focus on what God wants you to be.
- 3) Ladies, pray for every man you know that godliness will be their number one quality.