

"AN EXORTATION FOR ALL MEN"

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13,14

INTRO: You have heard it said, "**BE ALL YOU CAN BE**" by joining the United States Army. But in reality all of GOD'S MEN should determine to "**BE ALL THAT GOD WANTS US TO BE.**" There is a big difference in how that works out.

- "BEING ALL YOU CAN BE" builds on personal pride and strength.
- "BEING ALL THAT GOD WANTS US TO BE" builds on genuine humility and dependence upon God.

One text of scripture that gives instruction on BEING WHAT GOD WANTS MEN TO BE is 1 Corinthians 16:13,14. Even though this is applicable to MALE AND FEMALE, today we are going to direct it to MEN WHO WANT TO BE **TRUE MEN OF GOD.**

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NOTE: Being ALL THAT GOD WANTS US TO BE presupposes personal salvation apart from which NO ONE can be what God wants. Hebrews 11:6.

CONSIDER WORDS FROM JONATHAN EDWARDS

"SINNERS IN THE HANDS OF AN ANGRY GOD"

"O Sinner, consider the fearful danger you are in! It is a great furnace of wrath, a wide and bottomless pit, full of the fire of wrath that you are held over in the hand of God whose wrath is provoked and incensed as much against you as against many of the damned in Hell. You hang by a slender thread, with the flames of divine wrath flashing about it and ready every moment to singe it, and burn in asunder; and you have no interest in any Mediator, and nothing to lay hold on to save yourself, nothing to keep off the flames of wrath, nothing of your own, nothing that you have done, nothing that you can do, to induce God to spare you one moment."

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I. THE TRUE MAN OF GOD WILL BE ALERT

"WATCH YE"

- A. Be Alert for Satan's Tactics
 - 1. 1 Peter 5:8
 - 2. Ephesians 6:10-13
- B. Be Alert of Surrounding Circumstances
 - Ephesians 5:10-17
- C. Be Alert for Personal Life-style
 - Ephesians 4:1-3
- D. Be Alert for Fulfilled Prophecy
 - Titus 2:13
- E. Be Alert for Attacks on the Family
 - 1 Timothy 5:8

ILLUSTRATION:

II. THE TRUE MAN OF GOD WILL BE FIRM

"STAND FAST IN THE FAITH"

- A. Avoid Conforming with False Teaching
- B. Avoid Departing from Foundations of the Faith
 - 1. Be Sure to Know the Foundations of the Faith
 - a. The Inspiration of Scripture
 - b. The Providence of God
 - c. The Person of Christ
 - d. The Mystery of the Church
 - e. The Significance of Sound Doctrine
 - f. The Eternal State of Mankind
 - 2. Be Sure to Live the Foundations of the Faith
 - Turn Sound Doctrine into Solid Convictions**
 - a. Apply them to your heart daily
 - b. Integrate them into your actions daily
 - 3. Be Sure to Defend the Foundations of the Faith
 - a. By Instruction
 - b. By Correction

ILLUSTRATION:

III. THE TRUE MAN OF GOD WILL BE COURAGEOUS

"QUIT YE LIKE MEN"

- A. By Being Mature
 - 1. Physically
 - 2. Emotionally
 - 3. Spiritually
- B. By Standing for the Truth
- C. By Being an Effective Witness

ILLUSTRATION:

IV. THE TRUE MAN OF GOD WILL BE STRONG

"BE STRONG"

- A. By Means of the Power of God
- B. By Means of the Grace of God

ILLUSTRATION:

V. THE TRUE MAN OF GOD WILL BE LOVING

"LET ALL YOUR THINGS DONE WITH CHARITY"

- A. By Allowing the Holy Spirit to Produce Godly Love - Galatians 5:22
- B. By Allowing all of your Actions to be Motivated by Love - 2 John 5,6
 - 1. Toward Others
 - 2. Toward God

ILLUSTRATION:

APPLICATION/LESSON: **THE MAN THAT REGULARLY PUTS THESE EXHORTATIONS TO PRACTICE WILL BE BLESSED BY GOD. SIR WILL YOU HOLD TO THESE GREAT BIBLICAL TRUTHS?**