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ACTING LIKE MEN

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."

"BE WATCHFUL"

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul." - 1 Pet. 2:11

"STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH"

- ▶ 1. Be a student of Scripture.
 - ▶ 1 Corinthians 3:18 "We all... beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."

"STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH"

- 2. Find your identity in Christ
 - Rom. 6:5-12 "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions."

"ACT LIKE MEN"

▶ 1 Corinthians 13:11 - "When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways."

"ACT LIKE MEN"

- ▶ 1. Have a plan for maturity and growth.
- ▶ 2. Put to death the sins of your youth.
 - ▶ Rom. 8:12-15 "So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 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!'"

"BE STRONG"

- ▶ 1. Surround yourself with godly influences
- 2. Instead of using women, serve them. Instead of looking for the "perfect wife", become the man of God you need to be.

"LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE."