

**1 Corinthians 16:13-16 (1)** Watch ye, **(2)** stand fast in the faith, (3) quit you like men, (4) be strong. 14 Let all your things be done with charity. 15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,) (5)16 That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth.

(1) Watch (2) Stand (3) Behave (4) Exercise (5) Submit

We study, not to know, but to do.

Matthew 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

*Tēreō*: to attend to carefully, take care of.

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

1. Watch: 1 Corinthians 16:13a Watch ye,...

Grēgoreō: metaph. give strict attention to, be cautious, active. To take heed lest through remission and indolence some destructive calamity suddenly overtake one.

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

 Temptation: peirasmos: experiment, attempt, trial, proving ["a trying, testing,"] 1Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1Timothy 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

Galatians 4:14 And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.

1Peter 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

Matthew 24:42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

**Revelation 3:2** Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

- 2. Stand: 1 Corinthians 16:13b ...stand fast in the faith,...
- Stēkō: to stand firm, to persevere, to persist.
- **2Thessalonians 2:15** Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.
- Traditions paradosis: objectively, that which is delivered, the substance of a teaching.
- 1Thessalonians 3:8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.

- 3. Behave: 1 Corinthians 16:13c ....quit you like men,....
- (quit you like men): andrizomai: to show one's self a man, be brave.

**1Corinthians 14:20** Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

1Corinthians 3:1-2 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

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- 2Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

- 4. Exercise: 1 Corinthians 16:13d.... be strong.
- Krataioō: to be made strong, to increase in strength, to grow strong.

Hebrews 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

• *Gymnazō*: to exercise vigorously, in any way, either the body or the mind.

Practice the Christian virtues: virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity.

Colossians 1:11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

- 5. Submit: 1 Corinthians 16:14-16 Let all your things be done with charity. <sup>15</sup> I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,) <sup>16</sup> That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth.
- Addicted: tassō: to appoint on one's own responsibility or authority. They had set themselves to the ministry.

Addiction: (1) a strong over powering desire to take a given drug. (2) A growing tolerance requiring larger dosages to satisfy. (3) Dependence must have to function. (4) Withdrawal symptoms if neglected.

The Christian life is submission. Eph. 5:21, 22; 6:1-3, Romans 13:1, 1 Peter 1:3; 5:5



