

Will the Real Man of God Please Stand Up?

I Corinthians 16:13-14

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Men of Steel (Tough and Strong) (I Corinthians 16:13)

1. Man of **caution (Vs. 13a) “Keep your eyes open”**

The word “watch” means to stay alert, be on guard, be awake; be alive, to keep eyes opened; give strict attention; to be cautious; to take heed lest some destructive calamity suddenly overtake one; don’t be sluggish or sleepy-eyed.

Sleep is a condition of body and mind such as that which typically recurs for several hours every night, in which the nervous system is relatively inactive, the eyes closed, the postural muscles relaxed, and consciousness practically suspended.

2. Man of **consistency (Vs. 13b) “hold tight to your convictions”**

Faithful fathers fortify their families! (Ephesians 4:1).

“Stand fast” or “firm” means don’t give ground; dig-in; be stubborn; finish well; stand true to the Bible; don’t be unsettled; in your mind; don’t be double-minded; persevere; persist; keep standing; do not abandon the faith; do not move.

Real Men of God do not abandon their faith; their families.

3. Man of **character (Vs. 13c; I Corinthians 14:20) “Give it all you’ve got”**

The word “quit” means to behave; to act like an adult; to grow up; don’t act like a child; to be an adult; to make a man of; to show oneself a man; not effeminate, not a sissy; teach boys to take care of self; teach them to fight, not be a cheerleader.

4. Man of **consecration (Vs. 13d) “be resolute”**

“Be strong” means to grow inner strength; inner spiritual growth; we grow in strength as we use our strength; we grow as we meditate upon the Word; “be strong” is always used in allowing God to be strong through us (Ephesians 3:16; I Timothy 4:7-8). We need to feed the inner man (I Corinthians 3:1-2).

Men of Velvet (Tender and Soft) I Corinthians 16:14

5. Man of **compassion (Vs. 14) “love without stopping”**

Love must prevail. Hug your child/spouse. Tell your child/spouse you love them. We need to praise and compliment!