

## **THE CALL TO BIBLICAL MANHOOD**

### **1 Corinthians 16:13-14**

Today's passage is a challenge for men to step up and to do and be what God made you to be. This passage instructs us to protect, provide and to lead our family with a servant's heart.

**Paul gives us five challenges...**

#### **I. "BE WATCHFUL"**

1. This means to wake up and stay awake.
2. Men are to be the spiritual watchmen of the home.
3. Men are to keep Satan's influences out of the home.

#### **II. "STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH"**

1. Today's culture shifts its moral direction like the wind.
2. This is a call to steadfastness and conviction. (Psalm 1:1-3)
3. It means your family can look at your life and know what you believe because your actions match your doctrine.

#### **III. "ACT LIKE MEN"**

1. Don't let a secular, liberal world define you or your home.
2. In the biblical context it means to grow up. (*1 Cor 13:11*)
3. Being a biblical man means you cover your responsibilities.

#### **IV. "BE STRONG"**

1. Literally, "Allow yourself to be strengthened."
2. In our flesh, no man is strong enough to stand.
3. A strong man recognizes his own dependence on God's power.

#### **V. DO EVERYTHING IN LOVE**

1. If we lack love...we have completely missed the mark.
2. Our strength and firmness should never be without grace.
3. Love is the environment in which our family will flourish.

#### **CONCLUSION: To Men, Fathers, Husbands and Young Men**

1. We can't manufacture this kind of character in our own strength. We need God's grace & help.
2. None of us are perfect but today is a new day!