

“Quit You Like Men”

1 Corinthians 16:13

1 Kings 2:1-3

“Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

*2 I am going the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and **SHOW THYSELF A MAN;***

3 and keep the charge of Jehovah thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, (and) his commandments, and his ordinances, and his testimonies, according to that which is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself.”

Jeremiah. 5:1

- *“Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, **IF YE CAN FIND A MAN,** if there be any that doeth justly, that seeketh truth; and I will pardon her.”*

- Current need for real men.

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- Many remain babies. 1 Timothy 3:6; 1 Peter 2:2; cf. Ephesians 4:14; Hebrews 5:12; 2 Peter 3:18



The City Of Corinth

- Location – Corinth controlled the two major harbors and therefore the command of the trade routes between Asia and Rome.
- 200,000 free men and 500,000 slaves once populated Corinth.
- Became the capital of the Roman province of Achaia.
- Had an amphitheater seating over 14,000.
- By 50 A.D. when Paul visited Corinth, it was the most beautiful, modern, and industrious city of its size in Greece.
- Known for its immorality.

The Church In Corinth

- The Problem Of Carnality (1:10-4:21).
- The Problem Of Immorality (5:1; 6:9-20).
- The Problem Of Contention (6:1-8).
- The Problem Of Family Trouble (7:1-40).
- The Problem Of Authorized Liberty (8:1-13; 10:14-33).
- The Problem Of Paying The Preacher (9:1-27).

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- The Problem Of Temptation (10:1-13).
- The Problem Of Divine Order (11:1-16).
- The Problem Of Irreverence (11:17-34).
- The Problem Of Ignorance (1 Corinthians 12-14).
- The Problem Of Apostasy (15:1-58).

Translations: 1 Corinthians 16:13

- “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. ASV, KJV
- “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.” NKJV
- “Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.” NASV

Translations: 1 Corinthians 16:13

- “Be keeping a watchful eye ever open. Be standing fast in the faith. Be showing yourselves to be men. Be mighty in strength” (Wuest’s Expanded Translation).
- “Be alert and on your guard; stand firm in your faith [that is, your conviction respecting man’s relationship to God and divine things, keeping the trust and holy fervor born of faith and a part of it]. Act like men and be courageous; grow in strength!” (The Amplified New Testament.)

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“*Watch ye*” – “*Be on the alert*” (NASV)
Don’t go to sleep. (cf. Romans 13:11)

Acts 20:31; Colossians 4:2; Mark 13: 33; 1
Thessalonians 5:6, Revelation 3:3; 16:15.

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“*Stand fast*” – lest we be tossed to and fro
by our indecision and vacillation.
cf. Ephesians 4:14; 6:10-14a; 2 Timothy
4:16; Romans 14:4

Hold fast, *2 Thessalonians 2:15*, “*to lay hold of, take, seize: not to discard or let go; to keep carefully and faithfully*”
(Thayer)

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“In the faith”– Romans 1:1-5, 16-17;

Galatians 3:24

Barnabas sent to Antioch. Acts 14:22

False teachers. Jude 3

cf. Philippians 3:13-16 (objective faith, the system)

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“Quit you like men”– “to exhibit **courage** in the face of danger – ‘to be **brave**, to be **courageous**.’” (from Greek-English Lexicon)

To “act like men” involves a certain amount of maturity, responsibility, and resolve.

- Rebuking error. cf. Galatians 2:5, 11
- Elders. Titus 1:9-13
- Virtue. 2 Peter 1:5
- Correcting problems. cf. 1 Corinthians 3:1-3, 13:11

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“Be strong”– cf. Joshua 1:9

- Know God’s word. 1 John 2:14, Hebrews 5:12, 14

- “The implication is that the believer is to be sufficiently strong as to be able to dominate any evil influence.” (Greek-English Lexicon Based on Semantic Domain).

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This would solve all the problems of the church in Corinth!

- Temptations of the world.
- Temptations that occur within the church.