# "THE CHURCH AND THE IMPERATIVE MOOD"

## I CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

1. **COMMAND #1: "BE ALERT" (16:13a)**
   1. For The Enemy of Inactivity (Matthew 24:42-51; Mark 13:33)
   2. For The Enemy Of Prayerlessness (Matthew 26:41; Colossians 4:2)
   3. For The Enemy Of Deception (Acts 20:31)
   4. For The Enemy Of Unrighteousness (I Thessalonians 5:6; Rev. 16:15)
   5. For The Enemy Who Is Satan (I Peter 5:8)
      1. In The People Destruction Business For Six Thousand Years
      2. He Has Utilized At Least Ten Methods According To The N.T.
   6. For The Enemy Of Stagnancy (Revelation 3:2-3)
2. **COMMAND #2: "BE FIRM" (16:l3b)**
   1. Note The Specific Sphere In Which The Believer Is To Stand Fast
   2. This Character Trait Is Pre-Requisite To Be A Good Soldier
3. **COMMAND #3: "BE MANLY" (16:l3c)**
   1. The Idea Is One Of The Obvious Attainment Of Maturity
   2. This Trait Is Particularly Valuable When Facing Hostility & Danger
4. **COMMAND #4: "BE STRONG" (16:13d)**
   1. Ironically, There Is A Passive Element To This
   2. Strength Or Lack Of It Is Demonstrated In The Face Of Adversity
5. **COMMAND #5: "BE LOVING" (16:14)**