

"THE CHURCH AND THE IMPERATIVE MOOD"

I CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

I. COMMAND #1: "BE ALERT" (16:13a)

- A. For The Enemy of Inactivity (Matthew 24:42-51; Mark 13:33)
- B. For The Enemy Of Prayerlessness (Matthew 26:41; Colossians 4:2)
- C. For The Enemy Of Deception (Acts 20:31)
- D. For The Enemy Of Unrighteousness (I Thessalonians 5:6; Rev. 16:15)
- E. 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.
- F. For The Enemy Of Stagnancy (Revelation 3:2-3)

II. COMMAND #2: "BE FIRM" (16:13b)

- A. Note The Specific Sphere In Which The Believer Is To Stand Fast
- B. This Character Trait Is Pre-Requisite To Be A Good Soldier

III. COMMAND #3: "BE MANLY" (16:13c)

- A. The Idea Is One Of The Obvious Attainment Of Maturity
- B. This Trait Is Particularly Valuable When Facing Hostility & Danger

IV. COMMAND #4: "BE STRONG" (16:13d)

- A. Ironically, There Is A Passive Element To This
- B. Strength Or Lack Of It Is Demonstrated In The Face Of Adversity

V. COMMAND #5: "BE LOVING" (16:14)