

A Two-Verse Guide To life

1 Cor. 16:13-16

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Introduction

- **Five powerful statements are given in these two short verses**
- **These are not just suggestions, but commands from an inspired apostle**

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1. Watch Ye

- **This is a term used to describe a soldier on guard duty—watch, be careful**
- **We are to keep awake, be vigilant, be prepared**
- **1 Pet. 5:8-9**

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1. Watch Ye

- **We are to watch for opportunities to do good**
- **Gal. 6:10**
- **Elders, preachers, every Christian is to be watchful**
- **Let us be watchful for the Lord's coming**

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2. Stand Fast In The Faith

- **The admonition here is to be committed—be firm**
- **We can fall away**
- **1 Tim. 4:1**
- **We must stand fast in all things**
- **1 Th. 5:21**
- **1 Cor. 15:58**

3. Quit Ye like Men

- **quit** = to conduct oneself in a particular way
- “Be brave” NKJV
- “Act like men” ESV
- Christianity makes courageous men and women out of sinful men and women
- We must not be spiritual cowards
- 1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 2:3-5

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4. Be Strong

- **Paul is speaking of our spiritual strength and not our physical strength**
- **This requires: spiritual food, godly living and time**
- **Eph. 6:10**
- **2 Pet. 3:18**

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4. Be Strong

- **We can become strong by: studying God's word, by worshipping God regularly, sincerely and in Truth, by serving the Lord daily, by praying often and by having fellowship with other Christians**

5. Let All Things Be Done With Love

- **This is the love that can be commanded – that we can will to do – it is the desiring the best for others, the willing of good for them – the love that keeps us from harming others, even our enemies**
- **Mt. 7:12**
- **Rom. 12:17-21**

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5. Let All Things Be Done With Love

- **Religious activities without love are of no value to the soul!**
- **1 Cor. 13:1-3**
- **Gal. 5:6**

Conclusion

- **Jn. 13:34-35**

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