

Instructions for Converts

(1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

Introduction:

1. This morning we presented some information about conversion from the Corinthians.
2. This evening we are covering 5 instructions for converts found in these verses.

Discussion:

I. FIRST, *"WATCH YE"*

- A. Watch: to be cautious, to be alert (1 Thessalonians 5:6)
- B. All Christians are to be alert concerning:
 1. the Lord's return (Matthew 25:13)
 2. the activities of the devil (1 Peter 5:8).

II. SECOND, *"STAND FAST IN THE FAITH"*

- A. Stand fast: to persevere, to stand firm in maintaining one's relationship with the Lord (Galatians 5:1)
- B. Christians are to be united in standing fast in the faith (Philippians 1:27-28a).

III. THIRD, *"QUIT YOU LIKE MEN"*

- A. This is an admonition for Christians to be brave (2 Timothy 1:7).
- B. To be victorious we must be brave (1 Samuel 4:9-10a).

IV. FOURTH, *"BE STRONG"*

- A. This is another admonition for Christians to demonstrate bravery.
- B. See Ephesians 6:10-13.

V. FIFTH, *"LET ALL YOUR THINGS BE DONE WITH CHARITY"*

- A. A failure to do everything with love had gotten the Corinthians into trouble.
- B. (1 Corinthians 13) We must do everything with love because:
 1. without love we are nothing (vs.1-3)
 2. love conducts itself properly (vs.4-7)
 3. love never fails (vs.8a).
- C. We must do everything with love to show others that we are the Lord's true disciples (John 13:34-35).

Conclusion:

1. As converted people, it is essential for us to practice these instructions.
2. These important instructions are designed to help us:
 - a. stay on guard against our enemy, Satan
 - b. remain faithful to Christ, our Savior.
3. Are you practicing these instructions?