

Saturday Evening Message

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: 1 Corinthians 16:13-14.
- B. There are five key phrases in these verses.

II. Be on your guard.

- A. Never take a spiritual vacation.
- B. Do this because you are a sinner. Even the godly go astray in thought, word and deed. (Psalm 119)
- C. We have an adversary in the Devil.
- D. The world around you is seductive. (Psalm 101)
- E. To be on guard means not to be tense all the time but to be alert.

III. Stand firm in the faith.

- A. Faith is to be directed toward the body of truth as revealed in the Bible.
- B. Let the great truths of the Scriptures grip your soul.
- C. Romans 3 is a good place to start for a theological foundation.

IV. Be men of courage.

- A. Courage is the mental willingness to endure and to stick with it.
- B. Courage is a matter of the will.
- C. Success is never final and failure is seldom fatal. It is courage that counts. (Churchill)

V. Be strong.

- A. Take initiative and be vigorous.
- B. Christ puts spring in the step.
- C. If you are going to lead, lead.

VI. Do everything in love.

A. Love is a choice that freely accepts another as they are and then seeks his or her good. (John 8)

B. Knowledge puffs up but love builds up. It is more important to love people than to be right. (1 Corinthians 11:1)

VII. Conclusion. (Psalm 138:3)

A. Stout hearted men get that way through answered prayer.

B. Pray for God to make shape you as you seek.

Application questions.

1. Summarize the main points of the text.

2. Which of the five points stands out to you? Why?

3. Which one of the five points will you take with you? How will you apply this to your life?
