

Stouthearted Believer

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: 1 Corinthians 16:13-14.
- B. Be on your guard, be men of courage, be men of faith, do everything in love.
- C. Subject: stouthearted believers.
- D. To multiply stouthearted believers we have to be one.

II. Be on your guard.

- A. We are sinners and we are not to forget that.
- B. Sin is inside of us.
- C. The Devil goes about us seeking to devour us.

III. Stand firm in the faith.

- A. We must be in a place where the great truths of the Bible grip our souls.

IV. Be men of courage.

- A. Courage is a mental willingness to stick something out.
- B. Success is never final.

V. Be strong.

- A. This means to have vigor.
- B. Jesus came to give us abundant life—it is terrible to find that we do not have any.
- C. We have the Spirit and the promise of Jesus. (Romans 8:11, John 10:10)
- D. The people require that their leaders be strong—taking hold to lead. (Joshua 1)

VI. Do everything in love.

- A. Love is a choice that freely accepts another and seeks his good.
- B. When we feel that our love is tested to the limits we look to Jesus.

VII. Conclusion. Let us call to God to make us stouthearted. (Psalm 138:3)

Application questions

1. What characterizes the stouthearted believer?

2. Which characteristic stands out to you? Explain.

3. Which area will you focus on this week to become more “stout-hearted”? How will you do it?
