



# Stand structured!!!!!!

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**1 CORINTHIANS 16:13 NKJV - (13)** Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Are we not in a spiritual fight? Do we not face an adversary that wants to destroy us?

Have we not committed ourselves to give our lives, if necessary? Matthew Poole, who published his commentary in 1685, makes a good point when speaking of "quit ye like men" ("be brave", NKJV): . . . you are as soldiers fighting against the world, the flesh, and the devil; do not behave yourselves like children, whom the least opposition will terrify and throw down; but like men, with a spiritual courage and fortitude, becoming such who have so good a Captain, and so good a cause.

The "Captain of their salvation" (**Hebrews 2:10**) is our commanding officer in battle. Our Captain has given us the equipment we need to carry out our duties: these four imperatives. All of them—watching, standing firm in the faith, acting like men, and being strong—can be considered as masculine traits due to the military analogies; but they are not limited to men, nor should they be.

Satan has perverted the minds of today's world to the point that these traits are regarded negatively. Satan stands, won't you stand for God? Remember, if God is for you, who can be against you?

## SCRIPTURE READING

**PHILIPPIANS 4:1**

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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