



ON PURPOSE

"ON PURPOSE" WEEK 1 NOTES **AUGUST 6**

KEY THOUGHTS

- There are many things we pick up without even trying, like learning an accent. But there are other things that will only be developed if we do things ON PURPOSE.
- In Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth, clearly there were a host of people there who were just "picking up" traits of Christianity without effort, and it left them lacking. Multiple verses throughout show their lack of growth (1 Corinthians 3:3, 4:5, 5:6, 6:18 and more). They needed a better way, and it's available.
- 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 is our focus for the next weeks. 5 short, packed commands: Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Do everything in love.
- "Be on the alert." While being alert is easy in the short term, it's wearisome over a period of time. Alert watching is tiresome, therefore it only happens with vigilance, on purpose.
- What are we watching for?
- The enemy – 1 Peter 5:8
- Our own weaknesses – Proverbs 4:23 and Jeremiah 17:9
- The world around us – John 15:19 and 1 John 2:15
- His return – Matthew 24:42
- See below for some practical helps

SCRIPTURES

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Practical & Reflection

- Pray daily for a watchful spirit. Early in your day use this as a daily "call to arms."
- Know what's right. It's the best way to detect what's not. Invest time in God's word and being surrounded by godly examples. Know the way of Jesus!
- Fight idleness and distraction.

