

## Watch – Stand – Love

### 1 Corinthians 16:13

**In view of the terrorist attacks in Paris, France two days ago I bring you this word of encouragement and direction. Thank You Lord for Your Word, let it speak into our hearts bringing courage, hope and peace.**

**1 Corinthians 16:13** Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. **14** Let all *that you do* be done with love.

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**1 Corinthians 16:13** Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. **14** And do everything with love. NLT

**1 Corinthians 16:13** *Listen*, stay alert, stand tall in the faith, be courageous, and be strong. **14** Let love prevail in your life, words, and actions. The Voice

**1 Corinthians 16:13** Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. **14** Let all that you do be done in love. ESV

### I. WATCH!

**Be alert, be on guard, listen, be watchful – PRAY!**

#### Listen to the Holy Spirit

**John 16:13** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. **15** All things that the Father has are Mine.

Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

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#### Pray

**1 Timothy 2:1** Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, **2** for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. **3** For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, **4** who desires all men to

be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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## II. STAND!

**Stand firm in the Faith, don't cower in fear but be strong in the LORD!**

**Ephesians 6:10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

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**2 Timothy 1:7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

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## III. LOVE!

### THE GREATEST IS LOVE!

**1 Corinthians 16:14** Let love prevail in your life, words, and actions.

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**Ephesians 3:8** To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, **9** and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; **10** to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*, **11** according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our

Lord, **12** in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. **13** Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

**14** For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **15** from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, **16** that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, **17** that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, **18** may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— **19** to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**20** Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, **21** to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. NKJV