

THE SECRET PRESCRIPTION OF THE LIFE THAT WINS 1 CORINTHIANS 16

Text:

Introduction:

We live in a day when many Christians are living defeated lives. And the result of living such a life carries over into the church, and into the lives of other people. This syndrome is a very contagious problem.

Many churches today are not accomplishing what could be accomplished because of these Christians living a defeated life, and infecting others around them.

The Bible offers a cure for this contagious problem, and if this prescription is followed it will lead to a life that wins.

(Read Text) 1 Cor 16:1-23

Notice verses 13, 14

1. WATCH YE

A. Means to be on guard.

(1 Th 5:6 KJV) “Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.”

(2 Tim 4:5 KJV) “But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.”

B. Things that we need to guard

1. Heart
2. Mind
3. Eyes & Ears
4. Testimony

2. STAND FAST IN THE FAITH

A. Means to stay put.

(2 Th 2:15 KJV) “Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.”

(Eph 6:14-17 KJV) “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; {15} And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; {16} Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. {17} And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:”

(Eph 4:14-16 KJV) “That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; {15} But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: {16} From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

B. We need to stay put.

1. With the Bible
2. With our doctrine
3. With the fundamentals
4. With our standards

3. QUIT YOU LIKE MEN

A. Behave like a man or a grown up

(1 Cor 13:11 KJV) “When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”

4. BE STRONG

A. Do not rely on yourself.

B. Realize that what has been done here the Lord has done.

5. LET ALL THINGS BE DONE WITH CHARITY

A. Let love regulate all that you do.

(1 Cor 13 KJV) “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. {2} And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. {3} And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. {4} Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed

up, {5} Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; {6} Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; {7} Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. {8} Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. {9} For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. {10} But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. {11} When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. {12} For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. {13} And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.”

Close:

I heard a story of a young man who arrived late for the service one day and upon his arrival to choir was singing the closing song, and he ask the usher, “Is the sermon done?” And the wise usher thought for a minute and said, “No, it remains to be done”. Well the sermon is done as far as me giving you any more content, but it becomes done when you put it into practice.

