

# THE ROLE OF THE GODLY FATHER

## 1 CORINTHIANS 16

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Introduction:

## **1. A GODLY FATHER IS ALERT (13A) - WATCH YE**

1 Cor. 16:13

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### A. His coming

Matthew 24:42-44

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. [43] But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. [44] Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 25:13

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

#### B. Not to enter into temptation

Matthew 26:41

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

1 Thes. 5:6

Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

2 Tim. 4:5

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

#### C. Watch out for the Devil

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

#### D. Watch for things that are growing weak

Rev. 3:2-3

Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. [3] Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

## **2. A GODLY FATHER IS ABSOLUTE IN FAITH (13B) STANDFAST IN THE FAITH.**

Romans 4:20

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

1 Cor. 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

2 Cor. 1:24

Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

Galatians 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Philip. 4:1

Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

Col. 1:23

If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

1 Thes. 3:8

For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.

2 Thes. 2:15

Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

### **3. A GODLY FATHER IS ACTIVE (13C) QUIT YOU LIKE MEN**

1 Samuel 4:9

Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight.

## 2 Samuel 10:12

Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the Lord do that which seemeth him good.

## 1 Tim. 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

## 2 Tim. 2:3-5

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. [4] No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. [5] And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

## Hebrews 11:32-34

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: [33] Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, [34] Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

## **4. A GODLY FATHER IS ABLE (13D) BE STRONG**

Joshua 1:6-7

Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. [7] Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

Joshua 1:9

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

1 Kings 2:2

I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;

1 Chron. 28:10

Take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.

Psalms 27:14

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

Isaiah 35:4

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

Daniel 10:19

And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

Haggai 2:4

Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts:

2 Cor. 12:9-10

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. [10] Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Ephes. 6:10

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Philip. 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Col. 1:11-12

Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; [12] Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

2 Tim. 2:1

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

## **5. A GODLY FATHER CREATES ATMOSPHERE (VS 14) LET ALL THINGS BE DONE WITH CHARITY**