



**“The Need of the Hour:
Spiritually Mature Men”
I Corinthians 16:3-4**



1 Corinthians 16:13–14 (NKJV)

13 Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

14 Let all that you do be done with love.





THE RESOLUTION

I DO solemnly resolve before God to take full responsibility for myself, my wife, and my children.

I WILL love them, protect them, serve them, and teach them the Word of God as the spiritual leader of my home.

I WILL be faithful to my wife, to love and honor her, and be willing to lay down my life for her as Jesus Christ did for me.



I WILL bless my children and teach them to love God with all of their hearts, all of their minds, and all of their strength.

I WILL train them to honor authority and live responsibly.

I WILL confront evil, pursue justice, and love mercy.

I WILL pray for others and treat them with kindness, respect, and compassion.

I WILL work diligently to provide for the needs of my family.



I WILL forgive those who have wronged me and reconcile with those I have wronged. I WILL learn from my mistakes, repent of my sins, and walk with integrity as a man answerable to God.

I WILL seek to honor God, be faithful to His church, obey His Word, and do His will.

I WILL courageously work with the strength God provides to fulfill this resolution for the rest of my life and for His glory.



1 Peter 5:8–9 (NKJV)

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.





1 John 2:16 (NKJV)

16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.





Mark 14:38 (NKJV)

38 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”





Revelation 3:1–3 (NKJV)

1 “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, ‘These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.



Revelation 3:1–3 (NKJV)

3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.





2 Peter 2:1 (NKJV)

1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.





2 Peter 3:10–12 (NKJV)

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,



2 Peter 3:10–12 (NKJV)

12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?





II. STAND FAST IN THE FAITH

13 ...stand fast in the faith....





1 Corinthians 15:1 (NKJV)

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,





Philippians 1:27 (NKJV)

27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,





III. BE BRAVE (MATURE)

13 ...be brave...





1 Corinthians 14:20 (NKJV)

20 Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.





1 Peter 2:2 (NKJV)

2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,





IV. BE STRONG

13 ...be strong.



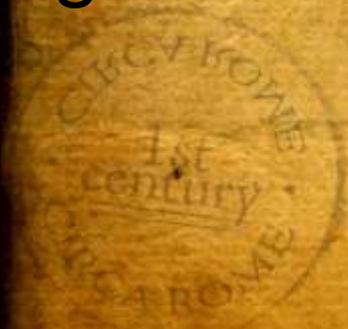


Ephesians 6:10 (NKJV)

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

2 Timothy 2:1 (NKJV)

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





Colossians 1:10–11 (NKJV)

10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;





V. BE LOVING

14 Let all that you do be done with love.





1 Peter 4:8 (NKJV)

8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”





1 John 4:7 (NKJV)

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:19 (NKJV)

19 We love Him because He first loved us.

