

The Battle Against this Present Darkness

1 Corinthians 16:13 & 14

1. In the battle against this present darkness be **WATCHFUL**.
2. In the battle against this present darkness **STAND FIRM**.
3. In the battle against this present darkness be **MATURE**.
4. In the battle against this present darkness be **STRONG**.
5. In the battle against this present darkness **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. When you consider God's knowledge, wisdom and authority; how can we learn to rest more in our faith than in our external circumstances? (Romans 13:1, Daniel 2:20 – 21 and Ephesians 4:6).
2. In Ephesians 6:10 - 17 what is the battle we should be engaged in? How are we to protect ourselves? What are our weapons?
3. There are 5 imperatives given in 1 Corinthians 16: 13 & 14. What are they? And discuss the importance of each one. Also consider how vulnerable we and others are when we are indifferent toward these commands. (1 Peter 5:8 – 9, 2 Timothy 3:1 – 5, Ephesians 4:12 – 14 and Romans 12:2)
4. How can we stimulate one another to heed and follow the Lord's battle cry found in these two verses (13 & 14).
5. In battle, the concept of love seems illogical. Why in the battle against Satan's schemes is love for each other so important?

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"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. . . . Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle