

**WHY DADS ARE NEEDED**  
**1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14 / JUNE 18, 2017 / AM**

**I. FIRST, FATHERS MUST BE ON THEIR GUARD.**

- A. Paul advises fathers to “be on your guard” (v.13).
  - 1. This phrase literally means “watch you”.
  - 2. So Paul is saying “keep an eye on yourself.”
  - 3. Do you know who your greatest enemy is? Not a terrorist or even a crazy. It’s you!
  - 4. Many men fail as husbands and fathers because they let their guard down.
- B. What can men do to watch themselves?
  - 1. Bruce Wilkerson in his book, “Personal Holiness in Times of Temptation” offers this advice.
  - 2. Analyze or identify your weaknesses.

**II. SECOND, FATHERS MUST STAND FIRM IN THEIR FAITH (V.13)**

- A. This is what Paul says.
- B. In order to stand firm in your faith you need to have convictions about your faith.

**III. THIRD, FATHERS MUST BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS (V.13).**

- A. In today’s language Paul would say, “Act like a man”.
- B. Families need men to be strong, not just physically, but also spiritually.

**IV. FOURTH, FATHERS MUST DO EVERYTHING OUT OF LOVE (v.14).**

- A. Love is a strong motivation.
- B. Paul says our motive as dads must be love not obligation, fear, guilt or self-interest.