

“Be A Man”

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

A photograph of a man in a red and blue plaid shirt and dark pants walking away from the camera on a sandy beach path. He is carrying a young child on his shoulders. The background shows a vast, flat landscape under a clear sky.

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FATHER'S
DAY**

Father's have a unique role in a child's life.

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Fathers tend to play rougher with their children helping them to determine the proper roles of force and its boundaries. They generally encourage adventure and independence. Through the adventure process they encourage risk taking and risk management.

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1 Corinthians 16:13-14 [ESV]

13 Be watchful [*Greek – gregoreuo*], **stand firm** [*Greek – steko*] in the faith, **act like men** [*Greek – andrizomai*], **be strong** [*Greek – krataioo*].

14 Let all that you do be done [*Greek – ginomai*] in love.



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Original 1970 soap box, notice the slogan
“A Manly Deodorant Soap”

The changing character of Manliness

The word *andrizomai* is used only here in the entire Bible. The closest word in the New Testament is the name “Andrew” these words come from the same root word. The word basically means “manly”. This word is generally used in ancient Greek to indicate bravery. Modern equivalents of this word might be “Put on your big boy pants!”; “Man up!”; “Suck it up!”. It was not a widely used word so it had maximum impact when it was used as Paul does here.

Our culture up until the 1980s generally had a positive image of “manly” and “masculine”. Words like “toxic” and “misogynist” came to be coupled with these words casting them in a distinctly negative light.

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4 Principles of Manliness

- **Be Watchful** – *gregoreuo* – We get our name “Gregory” from this word. It was used of a guard who stood watch and meant “to be alert”.
- **Stand Firm** – *steko* – It means to stand one’s ground or to be persistent.
- **Act Like Men** – *andrizomai* – The name “Andrew” [“manly”] comes from the same root as this word. In general usage it meant “be brave”.
- **Be Strong** – *krataioo* – The word indicates a growing strength as when an athlete strengthens muscles by exercise.

2 Timothy 2:3-5 [ESV]

1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses **entrust to faithful men** who will be able to teach others also.

3 **Share in suffering as a good soldier** of Christ Jesus.

4 No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

5 **An athlete** is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

6 It is **the hard-working farmer** who ought to have the first share of the crops.

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This is my “adventure bottle” from our Corpus Christi trip. My girls encouraged me to add stickers to my bottle to remind me of my adventures.

My kids all enjoy adventures. Wherever they go they get stickers to dress up their computers, water bottles, cell phone cases, etc. I hope I was instrumental in inspiring this love of adventure in them.

Their stickers not only remind them of their successful adventures. They, also indicate adventures they want to have and lessons learned on their adventures. Our lives are kind of like this adventure bottle with all kinds of stickers from our various adventures, both good and bad.

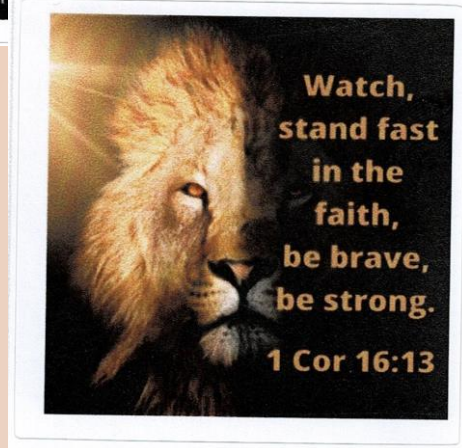
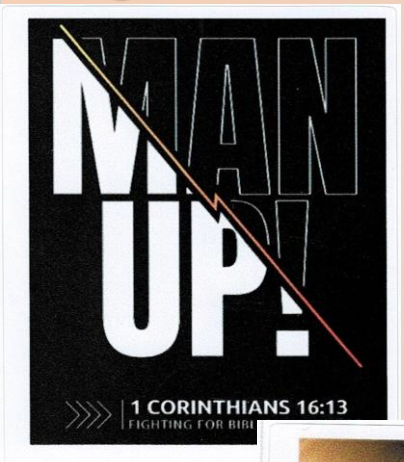


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For each man present I have a vinyl sticker [they will not get wet] to remind you of this scripture verse. Please be sure to choose one and take it home to put on a favorite mug, bottle or computer, etc. Below are the choices.

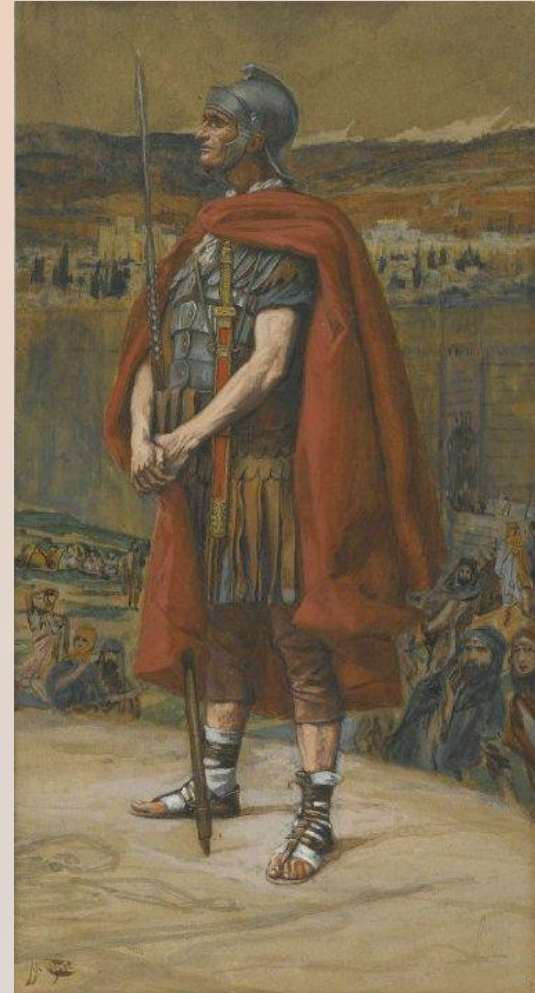


My 4 Sticker
“Man Adventure
Bottle”



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Paul likely came from a military family. The city where he was born was a Roman colony, meaning it was a community carved out for retired Roman soldiers. His father or grandfather likely had been a Roman officer [many Jewish men served in the Roman army during Caesar Augustus’ reign]. A Centurion was the top soldier of the Roman army. Each centurion had worked his way up through the ranks due to courage, loyalty, training and discipline. They knew and respected the “chain of command”. They were the primary trainers of the Roman soldier. If the Roman army was to be successful, its success depended on the character of these men.



Centurion by James Tissot

Ephesians 6:13-17 [ESV]

12 For we do not **wrestle against** flesh and blood, but against the **rulers**, against the **authorities**, against the **cosmic powers** over this **present darkness**, against the **spiritual forces of evil** in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore **take up the whole armor of God**, that you may be **able to withstand** in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

14 **Stand therefore**, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ...

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The metal of a man is tested in battle or hardship

We are engaged in a spiritual battle that is engaged with powerful political forces, various cultural authorities, powerful spiritual forces with dark intentions and evil spirits. Our metal as Christians is tested in such battles. Therefore, we must take up the armor of God and we must **Stand!** Any soldier is trained to assess the terrain and choose the best tactical place to take a stand. So must we.

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The metal of a man is tested in battle or hardship

“Manliness” throughout history has indicated bravery, strength, loyalty and forcefulness. In Western culture Judaism added to this concept the ideals of faithfulness, honesty and steadfastness. Christianity would add compassion, courtesy and self-sacrifice. By the late Middle Ages these ideals of manliness were shaping the identity of men in European society at large. These became the ideal for which to strive.

1 Timothy 6:11-12 [ESV]

3 If anyone teaches a **different doctrine** and **does not agree with the sound words** of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, 4 he is **puffed up with conceit** and **understands nothing**. He has an **unhealthy craving for controversy** and for **quarrels about words**, which **produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions**, 5 and **constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth**, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

6 **But godliness with contentment is great gain**, 7 **for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world**. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 9 **But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation**, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 **For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils**. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

11 **But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness**. 12 **Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses**.

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We can spend a lot of time whining about the problems and unfairness of life. Paul tells Timothy that because we live in this world we are going to face things as a Christian we don't like. Jesus indicated that we would at times face persecution and personal attacks as a result of our faith and discipleship. Paul says we should not give in to these pressures but pursue godly character.

Sometimes as Christians we need to put on our big boy pants and face the circumstances of life.

2 Timothy 4:7 [ESV]

3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to **suit their own passions**, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

5 As for you, always be **sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work** of an evangelist, **fulfill your ministry**.

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

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We live in a culture that does not like to be told “no” or “your actions are destructive and wrong.”

It is dangerous when Christianity buys so far into to cultural relevance that we rubber stamp bad behavior and condone sinful actions and attitudes.

Paul commands Timothy to be “sober-minded” or simply a clear thinker.

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Joshua 1:1-7 [ESV]

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. **Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.**

6 **Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land** that I swore to their fathers to give them.

7 **Only be strong and very courageous, being careful** to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.

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In Joshua chapter 1 Moses has died leaving Joshua as leader. Joshua was not used to being leader. God challenges him to have courage and trust in God’s intent and presence.

As Christians as we walk through this world we must trust that God’s purpose in us is good and the Holy Spirit walks with us through this world. If we believe these things then we will have courage to face any circumstance.

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In 1 Corinthians 16. Why did Paul use the the word “andrizomai”. I believe it was for impact, to catch their attention; he wanted them to connect the ideas with manly courage. In this letter Paul dealt with 7 different areas of Christian living.

1. Authority and chain of command.
2. Integrity of decisions and lifestyle.
3. Marriage, singleness and sexual purity.
4. Freedom, responsibility and Duty.
5. Worship practice and lifestyle.
6. Central tenants of the Christian faith.
7. Generosity.



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1 Corinthians 16:14 Let all that you do be done [Greek – ginomai] in love.

The word “ginomai” indicates more than just doing it indicates a way of “being”. Paul seems to paint a picture of manly courage in 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 that, to adapt a 1970 TV ad:

“Aye” it is a “manly scent” that women could say, “I like it, too”.