

Title: Man to Man

Text: *"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."*
(1 Cor. 16:13-14)

Target: Live with no regrets, just redirects.

- I. **Be Alert:** *"Be watchful"* (Vs. 13) Be awake, vigilant, alert.
 - A. **On Post:** Soldier at post, scanning for the enemy. (1 Peter 5:8)
 - B. **On Point:** Spiritual attentiveness towards compromise and temptation. (2 Cor. 11:13-15)

Stay Awake: If the devil can't destroy you, he'll distract you. If he can't derail you, he'll dull your sensitivity to sin.

- II. **Be Anchored:** *"Stand firm in the faith"* (Vs. 13) Be fixed, immovable and persist in conviction.
 - A. **Hold the Line:** Truth is not relative. (2 Tim. 4:3-4)
 - B. **No Retreat:** The Gospel doesn't change. (Galatians 1:8)

No Compromise: The world will shift, culture always drifts, but God's word doesn't.

- III. **Be Assertive:** *"Act like Men"* Be brave, courageous, of valor. (Vs. 13)
 - A. **Take Responsibility:** Grow up, step up, show up. (1 Cor. 13:11)
 - B. **Reject Passivity:** Refusing to stand on the sidelines of your own calling. (James 4:17)

Biblical Manhood: Maturity doesn't run from responsibility...it rises to it.

- IV. **Be Armed:** *"Be Strong"* (Vs. 13) Inner strength, bestowed to be received.
 - A. **Supplied Strength:** *"Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."* (Eph. 6:10)
 - B. **Sustained Strength:** *"Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength."* (Isa. 40:31)

Power Up: Real strength begins where self ends and surrender begins.

- V. **Be Agape:** *"Let all that you do be done in love"* (Vs. 14)
 - A. **Governs your Motives:** *"let love be genuine"* (Romans 12:9)
 - B. **Guides your Actions:** *"let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth"*
(1 John 3:18)

Verb not Vibe: The love of Christ is more than an emotion to feel; it is a mission to live out.

Takeaway: Biblical Masculinity isn't toxic. It's tender and tough, shaped by sacrifice, led by love, and modeled after Jesus.