



Mighty Men for a Mighty God

1Corinthians 16:13-14

In-Person Worship at 9:30 AM or 11:00 AM | Online Teaching at 9:30 AM and Online Service at 11:00 AM

What Kind of Men Are Mighty Men of God?

Now more than ever we need Mighty Men of God who step up and step forward to be the men that God created them to be and Christ saved them to become!

Defining Masculinity

Masculinity is the courage to take the initiative to lead, love, provide, and protect others with the character that God requires and supplies for His Glory and the good of others.

Five Initial Observations

- #1 These are five **GRACIOUS** commands.
- #2 These are all in the **PRESENT** tense.
- #3 These are addressed to the **ENTIRE** church but are especially relevant for men.
- #4 The first four are often used as **MILITARY** terms.
- #5 Taken together these five commands have a *masculine tone, a military edge, and a MATURITY focus.*

God wants His Church to be filled with mature men who are mighty for Him and His People!

Mighty Men of God

1. Stay **ALERT** in Prayer.

Be on the alert NAS; be watchful ESV; be on your guard NIV

*Watchfulness is a careful observing of our **HEARTS** and diligent looking to our **WAYS**, that they may be pleasing and acceptable to God.*

Proverbs 4:23; Psalm 39:1

Prayer Is the Secret to Staying Spiritually Alert – Ephesians 6:18; Matthew 26:38, 40

- Pray you won't let your guard down to **TEMPTATION**. Matthew 6:13; Psalm 141:3
- Pray you will remain alert to opportunities for **EVANGELISM**. Colossians 4:2-6
- Pray you will be spiritually ready for Christ's soon **RETURN**. Mark 13:34-37; Revelation 3:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 5:6

Mighty Men Stay Alert in Prayer

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray to flee temptation and resist the devil | <input type="checkbox"/> Pray with your wife at least once a week. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for Christ's kingdom to come and His will be done. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pray with your family at meal times. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray to live in light of Christ's soon return on a daily basis. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pray with your GrowGroup. |

2. Stand **FIRM** in the Word.

stand firm in the faith NAS

Applying God's Word Is the Secret to Standing Firm in the Faith

- **LEARN** it to live it. *2Timothy 3:16*

- **LIVE** it to last in it. *1Timothy 4:16*

Mighty Men Stand Firm in the Word

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Develop the regular habit of engaging God's Word. | <input type="checkbox"/> Share with your wife at least once a week. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go deeper in the Word during our Discovery Hour. | <input type="checkbox"/> Lead your family in worship at home. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guard the truth and guide others to the truth. | <input type="checkbox"/> Learn how to apply the word in a GrowGroup. |

3. Step **FORWARD** in Obedience.

act like men NAS, ESV; *show courage* NET; *be courageous* CSB, NIV; *be brave* NKJV

Joshua 1:5-9; 1Kings 2:1-3

Taking the Initiative to Follow Christ Is the Secret to Stepping Forward in Obedience

- Like Joshua **RISK** taking the initiative... *Joshua 1:6-7, 9*

- Like Joshua stay alert in prayer and stand firm in the Word to step forward in **OBEDIENCE**. *Joshua 1:10, 18; 9:14*

Mighty Men Step Forward in Obedience

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Count the cost, pay the price, reap the reward of following Christ. | <input type="checkbox"/> Do what's right even if your family chooses not to follow. |
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4. Seek **STRENGTH** in the Lord.

Be strong NAS; *be strengthened*

Trusting in the Gospel Is the Secret to Seeking Strength from the Lord – *Psalms 27:14; Ephesians 6:10; Philippians 4:13; 2:12-13*

- Pray for **UNDERSTANDING** of the power you already have in Christ and His gospel. *Ephesians 1:18-23*

- Pray that the Spirit you already have will **STRENGTHEN** your inner man. *Ephesians 3:16*

Mighty Men Seek Strength in the Lord

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Remember it is what God does in and through that counts. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ask God to help you understand who you are in Christ. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Know who you are in Christ and then live that way. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ask God to make you strong in the power of Christ and His gospel. |

5. Saturate **EVERYTHING** with Love.

Let all that you do be done in love. NAS

Saturating Everything with Love Is the Secret to Being a Mighty Man – *1Corinthians 13:1-3*

Mighty Men Saturate Everything with Love

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accept the love God has for you in Christ. | <input type="checkbox"/> Grow in loving others the way God has loved you in Christ. |
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