

THE BEST OF 2009  
SURVIVAL STRATEGY FOR OUR TIMES  
1 CORINTHIANS 16:13



## The Heart of the Matter

What advice would you give on living a godly life in a godless society? Would you write a detailed list of dos and don'ts or provide a few simple commands? At the close of his letter to a group of Christians who struggled with living distinctively Christian lives within their culture, Paul offered four penetrating commands—commands just as applicable today as they were when he wrote them.



## Discovering the Way

### 1. Be on the Alert

How do we stay on the alert?

*We must guard against erosion.*

*We must fight the tendency to become passive.*

### 2. Stand Firm in the Faith

How do we stand firm in the faith?

*We must simplify our lives.*

*We must start taking God seriously.*

### 3. Act Like an Adult

How do we act like adults?

*We must consider ourselves managers rather than lone rangers.*

*We must cultivate the heart of a servant.*

### 4. Be Strong

How do we become and remain strong?

*We must strengthen our muscles of determination.*

*We must reaffirm our life commitments.*



## Starting Your Journey

Surviving our times requires us to guard against erosion, fight the tendency to become passive, simplify our lives, take God seriously, consider ourselves managers rather than lone rangers, cultivate the heart of a servant, strengthen our muscles of determination, and reaffirm our life commitments.



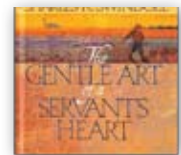
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