

Principles of Powerful Living

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

A close-up, low-angle shot of a vinyl record spinning on a turntable. The record is dark and reflective, showing the warm, golden light from the bokeh in the background. The turntable's tonearm and stylus are visible, resting on the record. The background is dark with numerous out-of-focus, circular light sources in shades of gold and orange, creating a bokeh effect. The overall mood is nostalgic and artistic.

Cultural Background

Aggressively Alert



What are we to be on the alert for?

- The ENEMY *1 Pet. 5:8*
- TEMPTATION *Mk. 14:38*
- APATHY *Rev. 3:1-3*
- FALSE TEACHING *2 Tim. 4:3-5*
- Through PRAYER *Eph. 6:18*
- RETURN OF CHRIST *Mt. 24:42*

Scripturally Stable



Scriptural Stability comes through...

1. Delighting in the Word. Ps 1:2a "delights"
2. Dwelling in the Word Ps 1:2b "meditates"
3. Doing the Word. Mt 7:24 "and doeth them."

Spiritually Mature



Areas of maturity

1. How you interact with yourself
1 Cor 3:1 (Carnal/Flesh)
2. How you interact with the word
1 Cor 3:2 (Milk/Meat)
3. How you interact with others
1 Cor 3:3
(Jealousy/Strife/Divisions)



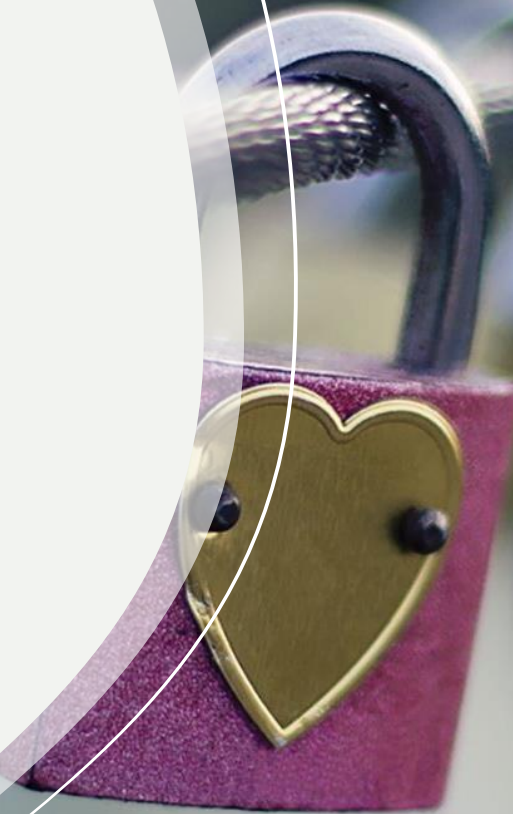
Supernaturally Strengthened



What gives us this "strength?"

- **The Action: (Through prayer)** "I do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be... strengthened with all might." Col 1:9,11
- **The Source: (From Christ)** "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil 4:13
- **The Means: (By Grace)** "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim 2:1
- **The Purpose: (For Glory)** "(Abraham) grew strong in faith as he gave glory to God." Rom 4:20

Completely Loving



How are we to love?

- Chapter 13 has 15 descriptions (actions) of love.
- Each one reveals how the Corinthians failed.
- Each one reveals a facet of God's character.
- Each one reveals how we can grow in love.

How can we live powerfully?

- We need to be AGGRESSIVELY ALERT.
- We need to be SCRIPTURALLY STABLE.
- We need to be SPIRITUALLY MATURE.
- We need to be SUPERNATURALLY STRENGTHENED.
- We need to be COMPLETELY LOVING.