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Topic: Spiritual Growth. Vigilance.
Study: First Corinthians
Week: 69
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Get Ready

Guarding the Progress You've Made in the Christian Life



1. Be _____ (v.13a)

1 Cor. 16:13-14

¹³ Be on your guard;
stand firm in the faith;
be men of courage;
be strong.

¹⁴ Do everything in
love. (NIV)

2. Be _____ (v.13b)

3. Be _____ (v.14)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Describe the progress of your spiritual growth since you became a Christian. Highlight periods of accelerated growth and seasons in which your growth was sluggish.

What patterns can you detect or observations can you make about your journey?

2. Read **Hebrews 12:1**. What are the kinds of things that tend to impede, hinder or derail your spiritual progress?

In what ways can you be more vigilant and guarded against those things in the future?

3. Read **Joshua 1:6-9**. God knew that Joshua would need courage and strength to obey His word as he followed the course God had laid out for him. What aspects of the path God has called you to walk will require an extra measure of courage and fortitude if you are to do it without compromising God's word?
4. What act of kindness or benevolence can you show to someone toward whom your heart has grown increasingly hard or calloused?

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Gen.18-19 & Mt.9

Monday

Gen.20-21 & Mt.10

Tuesday

Gen.22-23 & Mt.11

Wednesday

Gen.24-25 & Mt.12

Thursday

Gen.26-27 & Mt.13

Friday

Gen.28-29 & Mt.14

Saturday

Gen.30-31 & Mt.15

Here are some resources which may help you understand and apply the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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