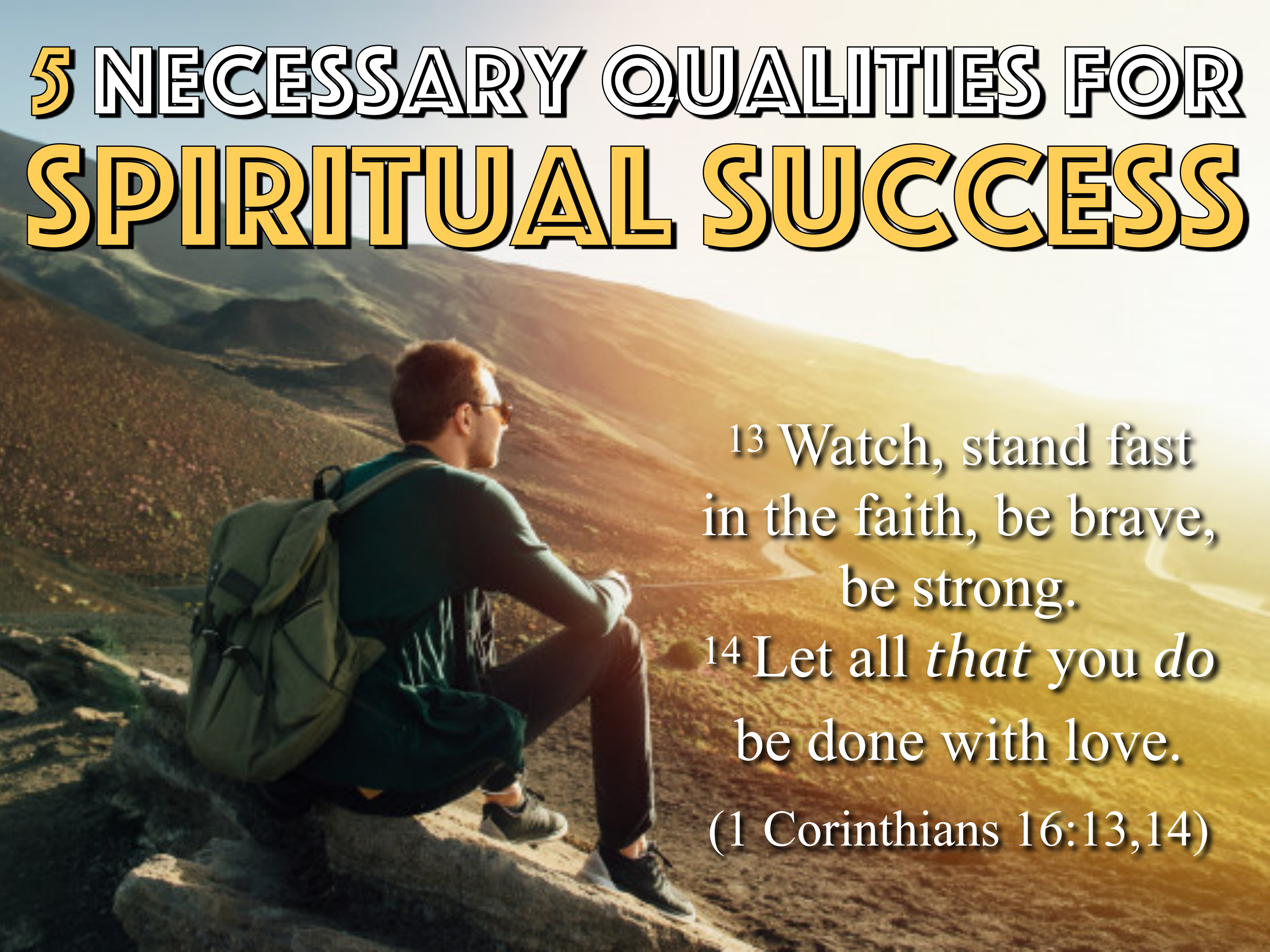


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⁵ Now I will come to you when I pass through Macedonia (for I am passing through Macedonia). ⁶ And it may be that I will remain, or even spend the winter with you, that you may send me on my journey, wherever I go. ⁷ For I do not wish to see you now on the way; but I hope to stay a while with you, if the Lord permits. ⁸ But I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost.

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⁹ For a great and effective door has opened to me, and *there are* many adversaries. ¹⁰ And if Timothy comes, see that he may be with you without fear; for he does the work of the Lord, as I also *do*. ¹¹ Therefore let no one despise him. But send him on his journey in peace, that he may come to me; for I am waiting for him with the brethren.

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¹² Now concerning *our* brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to come to you with the brethren, but he was quite unwilling to come at this time; however, he will come when he has a convenient time. ¹³

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The church in
Corinth had many
problems ...

Their PAST did
NOT have to
determine their
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NEED FOR VIGILANCE



- We SHOULD take the NUMEROUS warnings to “**WATCH**” seriously:
 - ◆ Watch out for temptations (Mat. 26:41; Luke 22:40; 1 Peter 5:8)
 - ◆ Looking carefully NOT to fall short of God’s grace (Heb. 12:15; Phi. 2:12)
 - ◆ Vigilance in spiritual growth (2 Pt 1:5-11)
 - ◆ Diligence in seeking to please God (2 Tim. 2:15; Jn. 6:27; Heb. 6:11; 11:6)
 - ◆ Watch for the Lord’s return (Mat 24:42)

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■ Standing FAST in the FAITH:

- ◆ Taking our stand IN and FOR the truth as revealed in the NT (15:1; John 8:31,32; 15:1-10; Gal. 5:1; 1 Thes. 3:8; Jude 1:3,4)
- ◆ Standing fast, united in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel (Phil. 1:27)
- ◆ Stand fast holding the traditions AS DELIVERED (2 Thes. 2:15; cf. 1 Cor. 11:2; 2 Tim. 1:13)
- ◆ Being UNMOVABLE, always abounding in the work of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58)

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■ Be **BRAVE**, (Act like men NASB):

- ◆ Barnes: “not to be a coward, or timid, or alarmed at enemies, but to be bold and brave.” (Jos. 1:6-9, 18)
- ◆ It takes GREAT courage to STAND FAST in the faith - we are soldiers fighting against the flesh, the world, and the devil (Acts 4:13,29,31; Eph. 6:10-13; 2 Ti. 2:3-5)
- ◆ Requires FAITH in the Lord & His word (He. 11:32-34; 2 Cor. 4:13; 2 Tim 4:6-8)
- ◆ To “shrink” away from the faith will result in being lost (Heb 10:35-39; Rev. 21:8)

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- **Be STRONG**, That is, for the faith: for most are not, (Jeremiah 9:3 "they are not valiant for the truth.")
- ◆ It takes STRENGTH through "the power of the Lord" to stand fast in the faith against all of our enemies (Eph. 6:10-18)
- ◆ Increasing our strength in the Lord is a process requiring an ever increasing 1) knowledge of the truth, 2) understanding of the truth, 3) and practice of the truth (1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet. 1:5-11; 3:17,18; Eph. 3:14-21; 4:15; Col. 1:10,11; 2:19).

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NEED FOR LOVE



- Lovelessness was one of the main faults of the church in Corinth.
- ◆ “Divisions” (1-3),
- ◆ “Toleration of immorality” (5)
- ◆ “Lawsuits” (6:1-11)
- ◆ “Issues involving marriage (7)
- ◆ “Eating meats offered to idols” (8-10)
- ◆ “Disregard for God’s order” (11:1-16)
- ◆ “Abuse of Lord's Supper” (11:17-34)
- ◆ “Arguments over spiritual gifts” (12-14)

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■ “Let all that you do be done with love” (14)

- ◆ The “first & second command (Mat. 22:36-40; Mk 12:29-31)
- ◆ Love will motivate us to be merciful, kind, humble, meek, longsuffering; patient, and forgiving (Col. 3:12-14)
- ◆ Without LOVE we are “NOTHING” (1 Cor. 13:1-8)
- ◆ TRUE LOVE will watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave and strong! (Eph. 4:15)

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Obeying the gospel:

- 👁 **Believe** - Mat 17:5; John 3:16; 8:24
- 👁 **Confess** - Mt 10:32,33; Ro 10:9,10
- 👁 **Repent** - Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
- 👁 **Be baptized** into Christ - Mk 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom 6:3-6
- 👁 **Be faithful** - 1 Cor 15:58; 16:13; Heb 3,4

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1 Corinthians 15:58 (NKJV)
58 Therefore, my beloved
brethren, be steadfast,
immovable, always
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the Lord, knowing that your
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Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)

⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart



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Ephesians 6:10–18 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

Ephesians 6:10–18 (NKJV)

¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—