INTRODUCTION
1. In these two verses Paul sets forth FIVE characteristics that should be a part of every Christian’s life.
2. We want to study these things one at a time in some detail.

1. For WHAT and WHY should a Christian watch?
2. We should watch our MOUTHS:
   (1) That we sin not with our tongue – Psa. 39:1.
   (2) Lest our religion be vain – James 1:26.
   (3) Lest our words condemn us – Matt. 12:36–37.
   (4) Lest we boast great things – James 3:5; I Cor. 13:4.
   (5) Lest corrupt communications proceed out of our mouth – Eph. 4:29; 5:4.
3. Watch to avoid TEMPTATION:
   (1) Jesus said, “Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation” – Mark 14:38.
   (2) James tells how men are tempted – James 1:13–15.
   (3) Paul said God would make a way to escape – I Cor. 10:13; 2 Pet. 2:9.
4. We should watch to avoid DOCTRINAL ERROR.
   (3) Peter – 2 Pet. 2:1–2, 3.
5. We should watch our own LIVES:
   (1) I Cor. 9:27; Phil. 1:27; Acts 20:28; I Tim. 4:12–16.

II. “STAND FAST IN THE FAITH”
1. Stand fast in the gospel; do not be removed from it – Gal. 1:6–9; I Cor. 15:1–2.
2. Have convictions – 2 Cor. 4:13.
3. What it means to stand fast in the faith:
   (1) It means to contend for the faith – Jude 3; Phil. 1:17.
   (2) To stand for the church of the New Testament – Matt. 16:18.
   (3) Stand for its worship – John 4:24; Acts 2:42; Eph. 5:19.
   (4) Stand for its organization – Phil. 1:1; Tit. 1:5.
   (5) Stand for purity of life – Tit. 2:11–12.
4. It means to stand against some things:
   (1) Everything that is vile, evil, and degrading – Eph. 5:11; Rom. 12:9.
   (2) All false doctrine – Matt. 15:9.

III. “QUIT (BEHAVE) YOU LIKE MEN”
2. In WHAT are we to be men?
   (1) In Courage – Acts 4:31; Phil. 1:28.
   (2) In Wisdom and Understanding – I Cor. 14:20.
   (3) To be Useful – Heb. 5:14; Much work to be done – I Cor. 15:58.

IV. “BE STRONG” – Heb. 11: 33 – 34 (Faith)
   1. In WHAT are we to be strong and WHY be strong?
      (1) In the Lord – Eph. 6:10.
      (2) In the Faith – Rom. 14:1; 15:1.
      (3) Be strong to stand – Eph. 6: 10 – 17.
      (4) Be strong to do things – Phil. 4:13; Rom. 15:1.

V. “LET ALL YOUR THINGS BE DONE WITH CHARITY (LOVE)”
   1. HOW and WHO we are to love:
      (2) We are to love in deed and in truth – I John 3:18.
         A. Love is an attitude of mind that responds in Word and Deed.
         B. I show my love by what I do and say.
      (4) We show our love for God by keeping His commandments – John 14:15; 2 John 6; Matt. 22:
         37 – 40.
      (5) We are to love one another as brethren – John 15:12; 13: 34 – 35.
      (6) We are to love the truth – 2 Thess. 2:10.
      (8) We are to love our enemies – Matt. 5:44; Rom. 12:20.
      (9) Love our brethren – 2 Pet. 1:7

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