

Duties of Christians

Introduction

- 1. Once a person decides to be a Christian, he or she, by that process, chooses some real duties.**

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. (14) For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

Luke 17:10 So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'

- 2. Paul tells the Corinthians of five of these duties in 1 Corinthians 16:13-14:**

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.

Watch

1. **The Lord's People have always been called upon to be on the look out or to watch.**
2. **There are a number of things for which a Christian must watch.**
 - A. **Watch and be ready for the second coming of Christ.**
Mark 13:35-37

1 Thessalonians 5:6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us **watch and be sober.**

3. **Watch for those we might teach.**
John 4:35
4. **Watch for false teachers.**
1 John 4:1
5. **We need to watch our temper, tongue and speech.**
James 1:19

Stand Fast in the Faith

1. **Christians must learn to take a stand for the Lord in all aspects.**

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

2. **The essentials to standing is found in the armor of a Christian.**
Ephesians 6:13-14

3. **The source of our strength is the Lord.**

Philippians 4:1 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

4. **We need to stand up and be counted worthy for Christ!**

Be Brave

1. **We need to be brave and act like one is supposed to act as a Christian.**

Ephesians 4:14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

1 Corinthians 13:11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

1 Corinthians 14:20 Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.

Be Strong

1. God has always EXPECTED His people to be strong.
Joshua 1:6-9
2. Elders, preachers, deacons and every member must be strong.
3. Christianity is not for weaklings.
4. Courage and being strong go hand in hand.
Hebrews 5:12-14

Let All That You Do Be Done In Love

1. Love is the mainspring of life. Love must underlie all that we do.
1 Corinthians 13:1-3
2. The love of God is seen in our obedience to Christ

John 14:15 If you love Me, **keep My commandments**.

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

3. Love must be real

1 John 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, **but in deed and in truth**.

4. Too many love self too much

2 Timothy 3:2 For **men will be lovers of themselves**, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

5. Pleasures take the top spot in the lives of many.

2 Timothy 3:4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

6. Even our enemies are to be loved.

Matthew 5:44-46

7. Receiving the love of the truth is a real problem among men.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Conclusion

1. During the restoration movement, those involved coined this phrase:

In doctrine only
In opinion liberty, and
In all things love.

