



DEFEND THE FAM!!!

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13

Intro: The Lord will often interrupt the current broadcast with special instruction. This is what Paul did to remind the Corinthians why he was writing, their immaturity in spiritual things due to divisions in the church .

- 🌐 Paul instructs them that there should be no divisions but like-mindedness (1 Corinthians 1:10)
- 🌐 Paul calls them out on their divisions (1 Corinthians 3:3)
- 🌐 Paul tells them how he believes the report of divisions among the fellowship (1 Corinthians 11:18).

Divisions Come Out Of Unaddressed Issues!!! So The Apostle Addresses Them

- 🌐 Issues of gross sexual immorality (1 Corinthians 5:1-5)
- 🌐 Issues of Allegiance to men instead of the Messiah (1 Corinthians 1:10-13)
- 🌐 Issues of inconsiderate behavior during their feast (1 Corinthians 11:20-22)
- 🌐 Issues of skepticism concerning the Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:12-17)
- 🌐 Issues over spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12)

Consequently, as the Apostle heads towards the conclusion of his letter he encourages the believers at Corinth to not just follow instructions but to do it with intensity as they **DEFEND THE FAM!**

4 WAYS TO DEFEND THE FAM!

1. **Watch For And Expect _____ Or _____ (vs. 13 “Watch ye...[BE ALERT]”)-Defending The Fam** requires 360 degree, 24/7 Alertness.
 - a. Attempted **Self** Extraction that seeks to implode (Colossians 3:8-9)
 - b. Attempted **Enemy** Infiltration that seeks to divide (2 Corinthians 2:10-11)

2. Stand Your Ground On THE _____ (“...stand fast in the faith [TO BE STEADFAST AND FIRM THROUGH ADHERENCE TO THE FAITH]...”)-Defending The

Fam requires A Sure Footed Faith In...

- a. The Lord’s Promises (2 Corinthians 1:20)
- b. The Lord’s Enablement (1 Timothy 1:12)

3. Man Up! And _____ (vs. 13 “...quit you like men [TO ACT COURAGEOUSLY OR PLAY THE MAN]...”)-Defending The Fam requires Successful Management Of The

Components Of Adversity (1 Peter 3:14)

- a. Fear of *what could BUT* hasn’t happened
- b. Difficulty caused by what has happened

4. Be _____ Than You _____ Are (vs. 13 “...be strong. [POWERFUL BEYOND THE AVERAGE OR EXPECTED]”)-Defending The Fam Requires Power Above Our Pay Grade!

- a. The Lord has made you stronger than you think to prevail (Isaiah 40:29)