Introduction: In letter writing one often tries to close with some special words of encouragement or comfort. In closing this letter Paul admonishes them to do five things.

**I) Watch (NKJV); (NASV)**

**A) Be awake, notice what is happening**

1. Church at Ephesus was given a similar warning, **Acts 20.29-31**

**B) Common problem of people not perceiving the danger they are in, 1 Corinthians 10.12**

**C) Pay attention**, **1 John 4.1**

**D) Realize the importance of each action**

1. Some people down play the importance of what they and/or the church is doing, **Colossians 3.17**

2. Choose the church of our choice says to take it easy and don't worry about scriptural authority, doctrine, and practice.

**II) Stand fast in the faith (NKJV); (NASV)**

**A) A person standing firm does not drift back and forth, Phil. 1.27**

**B) Must hold on to and the faith, 2 Thess. 2.15**

1. The only way to resist the devil is by drawing near to God; the only way to draw near to God is by His word, **1 Peter 5.8**

2. We have no hope if we do not have faith.

**III) Be Brave (NKJV); (NASV)**

**A) Do the things that grown men and women do**

**B) We are to , Ephesians 4.14-15**

1. At times Paul must of felt like a babysitter

2. We should be a student but also become the teacher, **Hebrews 5.12**

**C) Be brave, be courageous, Joshua 1.6,7,9,18**

**IV) Be (NKJV, NASV)**

**A) Strength is acquired by growth, exercise, and proper diet**

1. In our case all three are related to God's word, **1 Peter 2.2**

2. If we are to succeed in serving God we must be strong and not cowards or weaklings

**B) We must have strength in order to help others**

**V) Let All Be Done In Love (NKJV); (NASV)**

**A) Cannot leave out love**, **1 Corinthians 13.1-2**

**B) Love has many qualities**

**C) All that we do should be motivated by love**

1. Love for and love for

2. Teaching, helping, discipline, etc.