

Notice that this verse starts with a “wherefore” or in the Greek, “so then”, which refers you back to the preceding thoughts in verses 1-11. On the basis of what you learned in these verses, Paul issues a caution in this verse.

I. We’re to be careful about a false perception

- A. That I feel I have arrived
(We think we stand)

- B. That I fail to recognize my weaknesses

II. We’re challenged to be alert

(“Take Heed” – Gk. *Blepo* = to see; perceive)

- A. We need to be discerning (I Cor. 15:34; Eph. 5:14)

- B. We need to die daily (I Cor. 15:31)

III. We’re to be concerned about a real possibility

- A. That we fall from righteousness

- B. That we fall from prosperousness