

## **Being Steadfast In The Work Of The Lord**

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:58

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Intro. The Apostle Paul admonishes us as Christians to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

- a. Each of us who are Christians must be steadfast, always abounding in the work of the Lord.
- b. What lessons can we learn from 1 Corinthians 15:58?

### **1. The Work of The Lord Is to Be Done By All Those In Christ.**

- a. Therefore, my beloved brethren-these words were spoken to the “church of God which is at Corinth”[1 Corinthians 1:2]
- b. <sup>2</sup> To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:
- c. The Lord’s work is to be done by His children.{Galatians 3:26-27}  
For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- d. The admonition of Paul is addressed to “my beloved brethren”-not just to elders, deacons, and preachers.

### **2. The work that is to be done is the work of the Lord.**

- a. “Be steadfast”-to be firm in the faith, in view of the truth that you will be raised up as Christ was raised from the dead.

- b. "Immovable"- firm and unshaken in our hope in Christ and the Gospel.[Colossians 1:21-23]

And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled <sup>22</sup> in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight-- <sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

- c. "Always abounding in the work of the Lord.{Not just on Sundays]

### **3. What is the work of the Lord?**

- a. The work of the Lord is for Christians to be evangelistic.{Mark 16:15-16; Romans 1:14-16]

Mark 16:15-16 - <sup>15</sup> And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup> He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Romans 1:14-16 - <sup>14</sup> I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. <sup>15</sup> So, as much as is in me, *I am* ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. <sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

- b. The work of the Lord is to edify and build up one another.[Hebrews 10:24]

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works

- c. The work of the Lord is to be involved in benevolence. [Galatians 6:10]

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

- d. Being steadfast immovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord will help keep us faithful to the Lord and His church (Acts 2:42, Titus 2:14]

Acts2:42 - And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Titus 2:14 - <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works

#### **4. Knowing That Your Labor Is Not In Vain In The Lord**

a. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord by your conviction that the gospel has saved you.[1 Corinthians 15:1-4]

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures

b. Your labor is not in vain in the Lord. Galatians 6:9

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

1. It will be rewarded! [Revelation 14:13]

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

2. The Christian's labor for the Lord is never for nothing because of the resurrection.

**Invitation:** Do you need to have your sins washed away by the blood of Jesus?[Acts 22:16] Then after becoming a Christian[1 Corinthians 15:58]

Acts 22:16 - <sup>16</sup> And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord

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