

Your Work for God Makes a Difference! (1 Cor 15:58)

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.

Ὡστε, ἀδελφοί μου ἀγαπητοί, ἐδραῖοι γίνεσθε , ἀμετακίνητοι, περισσεύοντες ἐν τῷ ἔργῳ τοῦ κυρίου πάντοτε, εἰδότες ὅτι ὁ κόπος ὑμῶν οὐκ ἔστιν κενὸς ἐν κυρίῳ.	Therefore brethren my beloved, steadfast be! immovable while abounding in the work of the Lord always, having come to know that the labor of you is not vain in [the] Lord.
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1. The Logical _____ (of 15:1-57): "Therefore"

Therefore = "With the result that" "so then"

- Our salvation is _____: The death & resurrection of Jesus
- Our resurrection is _____: Immortal & incorruptible

2. The _____: "Steadfast Be Becoming!"

- "Be": _____ tense – continually be!...
- "Steadfast" (_____): Only here, 1 Cor 7:37, and in Col 1:23

1 Cor 7:37 Nevertheless he who stands **steadfast** in his heart, having no necessity, but has power over his own will, and has so determined in his heart that he will keep his virgin, does well.

Col 1:23 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.

As noun, it is used only in 1 Tim 3:15:

1 Tim 3:15 but if I am delayed, [I write] so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and **ground** of the truth.

- This is a heart attitude due to our _____, not our circumstances
- This also comes from affirming the _____, not from our emotions
- "I _____ to _____ the Gospel and God's promises."

3. Do Not Be _____:

- "Immovable" "unshifting" "undisturbed" "Hold the line!"
- The term is only used here. The opposite is found in Col 1:23
Col 1:23 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.
- "I _____ to be _____ from the Gospel and God's promises."

4. Keep _____ Greatly:

- In _____?:
"In the work" – serving is work
"of the Lord" – God's "to do" list as opposed to ours... (cross)
Spiritual "of-the-Lord" effort is needed continuously
- How _____?:
"abounding" – Not a little, but exceeding, abundant, excelling
- _____ Do We Do This?:
"Always" abounding in the work of the Lord
Unceasingly, to obey, maintain, and advance God's work now

5. Understand Your Eternal _____

- Know the _____
"having come to know"
- Embrace the Ongoing _____
"your labor" = hard toil; exhausting physical or mental exertion
Ongoing "fatiguing activity" by each of us
Not giving up, not giving out, not giving in
- Believe the Ultimate _____
"is not vain [empty]"
- Understand the _____
"in the Lord"

6. Summary Statement:

Because of my certain salvation and my certain resurrection, God commands me to **choose** to be continually and immovably settled on these truths, **while abounding** in the hard work of the Lord, **knowing** that He promises to use my efforts to make eternal impact.