

Our Labor Is Not In Vain In The Lord

The Apostle Paul exhorts in I Corinthians 15:57-58 *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.*

Throughout this chapter Paul talks about the Christian resurrection. In this closing verse he presents the challenge of the resurrection.

(A) Verse 58 reminds us that the resurrection should challenge us to three things. **The resurrection tells us to be steadfast and immovable. These words tell us to have stability in faith.** The resurrection should cause us to remain loyal to Jesus regardless of our circumstances. Corinth was a difficult place to live in, full of pagan worship, temptations, and trials that confronted Christians.

(B) Again in verse 58 the resurrection tells us to be diligent, “always abounding in the work of the Lord.” What is the work of the Lord? It is doing good to others in the name of Jesus Christ. Jesus went about doing good (Acts 10:38). We are to “abound” in His work. This word tells about a river running over its banks. Just like that, our work for the Lord should overflow.

(C) **The resurrection tells us to have confidence. “You know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”** We need such a reminder that our work is not wasted when we work for Him. Apostle Paul who stands on the empty tomb and says our labor in the Lord is not in vain. The truth of resurrection changes everything. It provides hope and steadfastness, and enables us to go on in the face of difficult circumstances.

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