

1 Corinthians 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.*

1. **The *applications* of the truth of the resurrection are introduced by the word _____ which reminds us of the resurrection truths previously addressed.** What does this involve?

2. **The *recipients* of these exhortations are described as _____.**
 - What does this indicate?
 - 1) That this is written to BELIEVERS who are _____ ... “beloved”
 - 2) That these believers were part of the _____ ... “brethren”, not to the unsaved.
 - 3) That these exhortations were given to _____, not a select few.

3. **The *challenges* of these exhortations involve for you to be ...**
 - a. _____ - **firm or steadfast in purpose or person.** Why is this exhortation needed? Because it is easy to get _____, and become a casualty or put yourself on the bench in the spiritual battle that we are engaged in.

 - b. _____ - **unbending in sound doctrine and the doing of God’s will.** Why is this exhortation needed? Because there is tremendous pressure to _____ the truths of the Word of God for the sake of popularity, numbers, to gain favor with others, to advance a cause, to avoid persecution, due to an unbiblical view of ‘love’, etc.

 - c. _____ - **at all times being willing to abound in serving the Lord, especially as it relates to the preaching of the Gospel and teaching of God’s Word, intercessory prayer, grace giving, the one-anothers in the Body, etc.**
What must you remember in doing this and how must this all be approached?
 - 1) That serving the Lord involves a _____ that can be exhausting with much personal sacrifice.

 - 2) That it must be approached on a grace basis in light of the believer’s _____
_____ as he/she walks in fellowship and dependence upon the Lord according to the Word of God.

4. The *encouraging assurance* connected with fulfilling these exhortations in light the truths of the Gospel and the future resurrection is to keep on _____ that your _____ is _____ in the Lord.

- What does this mean and not mean?

- 1) It doesn't mean that your labor for the Lord _____ is guaranteed to be fruitful and lasting as far as others are concerned.

- 2) It does mean that your labor for the Lord _____ at the Judgment Seat of Christ as far as God is concerned.

- How does all of this apply to you?