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## Be You Steadfast and Unmovable!

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:58 -Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Paul said that because of the resurrection, nothing we do is wasted. Sometimes we become apathetic about serving the Lord because we don't see any results. Knowing that Christ has won the ultimate victory should affect the way we live right now. Don't let discouragement over an apparent lack of results keep you from doing the work of the Lord. Do the good that you have opportunity to do, knowing your work will have eternal results. Be seated, settled, and firm in the truth of the resurrection and of victory in Christ. The Word of God let us know that, "we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end" (Hebrews 3:14). We share in the blessings and benefits of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Therefore, we participate in His heavenly reality. Also, it's not a guarantee of salvation based on a one-time decision or a fleeting experience, but rather a steadfast commitment that continues throughout our lives.

Let nothing shake your faith or move you away from the hope of the gospel. "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Galatians 5:1). Christ died to set us free from sin and from a long list of laws and regulations—not free to do whatever we want, for that would lead back into slavery to our selfish desires. Rather, thanks to Christ, we are now free and able to do what was impossible before—to live a holy life. Those who appeal to their freedom so they can have their own way or indulge their own desires are falling back into sin. Moreover, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). Aligning our lives with God's will, growing in holiness, and striving to live out God's Word. With a deep reverence and awe for God. It implies carefulness in our actions and choices, recognizing that we have eternal consequences.

Always abound in the work of the Lord, knowing that what you do will be rewarded. God notices every good deed we do or don't do as if He were the one receiving it. <u>Jesus said in Matthew 25:35-36, 40</u>: "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in <u>prison</u>, and ye came unto me. . . And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Revelation 14:13 says, "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." The old saying, "You can't take it with you," is certainly true of money, fame, and belongings. But God's people can produce fruit that survives even death.

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister" (Hebrews 6:10). It's easy to get discouraged thinking that God has forgotten us. But God is never unjust. He never forgets or overlooks out hard work for Him. Presently you may not be receiving the rewards and acclaim that this life has to offer, but God knows your every effort of love and ministry. Let God's love for you and His intimate knowledge of your service for Him bolster you as you face disappointment and rejection here on earth. When we feel unsure about the future, we can take confidence from this verse (Hebrews 12:28). Whatever happens here, our future is built on a solid foundation that cannot be destroyed. Don't put your confidence in that which will be destroyed; instead, build your life on Christ and His unshakable Kingdom.

God will remember our love, kindness, and faithfulness, and those who accept Christ through your witnessing will join us in the New Jerusalem. Be sure that your life is in line with God's will, and decide today to produce fruit that lasts forever. Remaining steadfast and unmovable requires that we put our faith into action as we cling to the promises of God, come what may—because doing so and being right with Him will yield a reward we cannot even fathom.

May you be encouraged with the Word of God to stay stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord!