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- *Therefore* – a conclusion
- *beloved brothers* – addressed to Christians
- *be steadfast, immovable* – demands stability and determination
- *always abounding in the Lord's work* – requires action and effort
- *knowing your labor is not in vain* – involves confidence and assurance

Steadfast

- *English word carries the idea of "to fix firmly in place"*
- *Greek (hedraioi) from hedra "seated"*
- *Found twice in the New Testament:*
 - ✓ *Colossians 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."*
 - ✓ *1 Cor. 15:58 "steadfast, immovable, always abounding"*

Are you “fixed firmly in place”?

- **2 Cor. 11:3** *“I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”*
- **2 Pt. 3:17-18** *“You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; ¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”*
- **Heb. 6:19** *“This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil”*

Immovable

- We find a parallel in a shipwreck (Acts 27:41)
- In physics: movement of a thing depends on what forces are acting upon an object already. Net force must be larger in one direction.
- **1 Cor. 15:12** *“Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?”*

Abounding

- “Always”-Indicative of daily constancy
- What do we abound in? Everything! 2 Cor. 8:7
 - ✓ Faith
 - ✓ Speech
 - ✓ Knowledge
 - ✓ Diligence
 - ✓ Love
- We need to be “boiling over” (Rom. 12:11)

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