

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Abounding in righteousness

- For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:20)
 - ✓ Much care for the letter but not the spirit
 - ✓ Much interest in the praise of men and not of God
 - ✓ Much talk but little action

The breastplate of righteousness

- Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:10-11a)
 - ✓ God's righteousness toward us
 - Romans 3:21-26
 - ✓ God's righteousness in us
 - Romans 4:3-13
 - ✓ God's righteousness through us
 - Romans 6:12-13

