

“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 Corinthians 15:58

Steadfast in the gospel

Steadfast in our hope

Steadfast in our confidence

Immovable in the face of false doctrine

Immovable in the face of temptation

Immovable in the face of skepticism

Immovable in the face of persecution

Abounding in God's grace and strength

Abounding in our work as a church

Abounding in righteousness

Conclusion: Victory! Not in vain!

Steadfast in the gospel

Steadfast in our hope

Steadfast in our confidence

Immovable in the face of false doctrine

Immovable in the face of temptation

Immovable in the face of skepticism

Immovable in the face of persecution

Abounding in God's grace and strength

Abounding in our work as a church

Abounding in righteousness

Conclusion: Victory! Not in vain!

Are you depending on the grace and strength of God?

- **Samson**: success will not come by physical strength
- **Jeroboam**: an emphasis on political strength
- **Solomon**: intellectual strength isn't a panacea
- **The rich young ruler**: financial strength insufficient

Paul depended on the grace and strength of God (1 Cor. 15)

- He knew what was of first importance (:3)
- This strength came from the scriptures (:4)
- He worked harder than others (:10)
- He recognized where strength came from (:10)

How to depend on the grace and strength of God

- *“For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls” (Hebrews 12:3)*
- Jesus illustrated this dependency:
 - ✓ The leprous man- *“be clean”* (Mk. 1:41)
 - ✓ The lame man- *“rise take up your bed”* (Mk. 2:11)
 - ✓ The maimed man- *“stretch out your hand”* (Mk. 3:5)
 - ✓ The dead girl- *“little girl, arise”* (Mk. 5:41)
 - ✓ The 5000- *“give them something to eat”* (Mk. 6:37)

“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 Corinthians 15:58