

Steadfast! Immovable! Abounding!

In his concluding remarks about the resurrection, the apostle Paul delivered one of his most potent exhortations: "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).

Powerful words of encouragement and exhortation to God's people! Speaking in the context of the resurrection ("Therefore") and indicating his love for them ("my beloved brethren"), Paul exhorted them to be firm and settled (*be steadfast*). He exhorted them to be morally fixed (*immovable*). And, he exhorted them to be incessant and energetic in their service to Christ (*always abounding in the work of the Lord*). Through their steadfastness and effort God would be glorified, the kingdom would be increased, souls would be saved and they would obtain life eternal!

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Lessons abound! Brethren, we must be steadfast! We must be immovable! We must abound in the work of the Lord! With faith in God and His promises, we know that our work in the kingdom will not be "in vain". We will rise again! "Therefore" let us determine to be steadfast, to be immovable and to abound in the Lord's work!

Are we "abounding" in the work of the Lord? Brethren, we are saved to serve (Ephesians 2:10, Titus 2:14). It is easy to sit, sulk and shirk instead of save, serve and work! Let us have eyes that see the needs of lost humanity, ears that hear their cries for deliverance, hearts that are filled with compassion, and hands that reach out to soothe, supply and save. *Let us shed tears (Acts 20:19). Let us unite into a working army for the Lord (1 Timothy 6:12).*

Our God is able (Romans 8:31), our message is powerful (Romans 1:16), and we can do all things through Christ (Philippians 4:13). Remove the barriers of inferiority and the doldrums of complacency with greater faith and resolve. There is no end to what God can do through His people! Hear the battle cry:

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- Dwight Fuqua, Findlay Church of Christ, Sparta, TN -

Learn from the past, live in the present, dream of the future.

News & Notes

CONFESSION: Wade Sprout.

HOUSEWARMING SHOWER: A new beginnings shower will be given for Wade & Marilyn Sprout this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Multipurpose Building. Wade & Marilyn will soon move into the Hancock House in New Cumberland.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the ladies in making stuffed bears.

PANTRY: Instant potatoes.

REMEMBER & ENCOURAGE: Those with serious health issues: Betty Carlin, Bette Gentry, Docie Moore, Jack Board, Dan Williams.

THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS: In Cleveland: Dan (Clinic) & Sharon Williams. At Home: Tim Adkins, Jack Board, Wade & Marilyn Sprout (at her parents' in Irondale, OH), Mary Nelson, Bob Cyphers, Bette Gentry, Crystal Baker, Docie Moore, Randy Beagle, Betty Carlin, Ruth Brewer, Harry & Imogene Nice, Barb Shafer is at her son's [Zane Cook] in New Cumberland. Remember others confined to their homes and in nursing homes. Check the bulletin board.

MEETINGS

Belle May 3- 6 F. Higginbotham
East Liverpool May 3- 6 Roger Rush

WHAT'S YOUR WEIGHT?

Suppose the Lord were to summon you to be weighed by the standard of His Word. How would it go with you ...

- If He weighed your influence?
- If He weighed your words?
- If He weighed your prayers?
- If He weighed your offerings?
- If He weighed your attendance at worship?
- If He weighed your efforts at soul saving?
- If He weighed your efforts at Bible study?
- If He weighed your honesty?
- If He weighed your purity of living?
- If He weighed your forgiveness of others?



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If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. But since our greatest need was forgiveness, God sent us a Savior.
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