

(1 Cor. 15:58) "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. THE WORK IS FOR ALL OF US - "my beloved brethren"

(Matt. 25:14-30) even if it is one talent, use it.

(Rms. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:14-21) "we have many members in one body"

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WORK - "be ye steadfast, immovable"

These words should describe us in our work.

Defined as: resolute, constant, dependable, firmly fixed, devoted, unshaken.

3. THE WORK IS CONSTANT - "always"

(2 Timothy 4:2) "preach the word; be instant in season, out of season: reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

Christianity is a religion of "always"

(Phil. 2:12) "my beloved, as ye have always obeyed"

(Phil. 4:4) "rejoice in the Lord always"

(1 Peter 3:15) "be ready always to ..."

4. THE FEVOR OF THE WORK - "abounding"

"abounding" - to be over and above; to excel; abundance; plentiful.

(Romans 12:11) "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord"

(Ephesians 6:6) "doing the will of God from the heart"

5. THE MOVITIVE FOR THE WORK - "knowing that your labor is not in vain"

"not in vain" - it is not fruitless nor ineffective.

(Isaiah 55:11) "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, it shall prosper ..."

6. THE NATURE OF THE WORK - "in the Lord"

Jesus saw His work in this manner: (John 4:34) "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me"

(Colossians 3:17) "whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

CLOSE - We must work while we are here; do it now! (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

(John 9:4) "the night comes, when no man can work"