# Abounding in the Work of the Lord



1 Corinthians 15:54-58

#### The Lord's work..

- 56 The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. 57 But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 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.

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- The Gospel (evangelism).. Mark 16:15-16
- Building ourselves up (edification).. Eph 4:12
- Helping needy saints (benevolence).. 2 Cor 8-9
- Being an active member of the body.. Rom 12

#### Laborers needed..

• Matt 9:36-39 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few. <sup>38</sup> Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

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# Pray the Lord for help



### 1 Motives for the work...

- The final resurrection.. "Therefore.."
  - Proof of Jesus' resurrection v 1-12
  - If there is no resurrection v 14-19
  - We will receive a new body 35-49
- The final judgment.. "your labor is not in vain"
  - A day of accounting, a day of reward.. Gal 6:9

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LUKE 10-2

### 2 The work is for all..

- My beloved brethren.. All Christians
  - Not elders, deacons only 1 Timothy 3:1-13
  - Every Christian's talents Matt 25:14; Rom 12:4-6
  - Paul, Timothy, Eunice, Dorcas, Barnabas...

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## 3 The basic requirement..

- Conviction .. Be steadfast, unmovable
  - Firm in faith and commitment.. Heb 10:39
  - Work of faith, labor of love.. 1 Thess 1:3; James 2

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LUKE 10:2

## 3 The basic requirement..

- Conviction .. Be steadfast, unmovable
  - Hindered by lack of knowledge, doubt 1 Cor 8-14
  - Firm in faith and commitment.. Heb 10:39
  - Work of faith, labor of love.. 1 Thess 1:3; James 2

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### 4 Constancy of the work...

- Always abounding...
  - Living for Christ all the time.. Col 4:6;Phil 4:4
  - Abounding (perisseuo = to excel, over and above)
  - Willing service.. Matt 20:7-16

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