



**The Exhortation of
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“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.”

- **Be steadfast, un-moveable**

- Seated; moral fixity
- Stable, firm, and unshaken
- The Lord want us to be grounded, seated, fixed, stable, and firm in their faith, not vacillating between belief and unbelief, morality and immorality.
- Take a stand in your faith for the truth of the gospel, and don't move.
- Opposites: to be shaken, to drift from, to stray from, to be moved away from, to turn away from

- **Be steadfast, un-moveable even in the midst of...**
 - Afflictions and persecutions
 - 1 Thessalonians 3:1-3
 - Acts 20:24
 - What is falsely called knowledge
 - 1 Timothy 6:20-21
 - Immorality
 - Ephesians 5:11
 - Error
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:2
 - Colossians 2:6-7

- Always abounding in the work of the Lord

- Diligently, laboriously, excelling

- Hebrews 6:11-12

- Luke 14:33

- What is the work of the Lord?

- Colossians 3:23-24

- Knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord
 - Great motivator
 - Toiling, painful, difficult, hard
 - *In the Lord*

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- Paul had taught them the truth of the gospel, about the death, the burial, and the resurrection of Christ
 - According to Scripture
 - He was seen by the apostles and over 500 brethren at once
- You can be sure about the gospel!
- They received and believed these truths

- But some among them were saying there is no resurrection of the dead
 - But if you're going to say this, then you're going to have to say that Christ was not raised.

- And if Christ is not raised, then...
 - The apostles' preaching is vain
 - Your faith is vain
 - The apostles are false witnesses of God
 - You are still in your sins
 - Christians who have already died have simply perished like animals die
 - Christians have hope only in this life and are thus most pitiable
 - Why risk our lives for the sake of the gospel?
 - Why not just eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die?
 - This is serious. This is the consequence of denying the resurrection of the dead. Don't be deceived – evil company corrupts good morals.
 - You need to have nothing to do with the denial of the resurrection!

- But Christ is raised from the dead!
 - He is the first fruits and thus a promise that you will be resurrected.
- And since Christ is raised from the dead,
 - And Christ died for our sins
 - Then the sting of death is gone for the Christian
 - And we believe in a resurrection unto eternal life
 - Blessed and living hope!
 - So we know our labor is not in vain in the Lord

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