



Worthwhile **Work**



1 Corinthians 15:58

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it.

11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—

13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.

15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

Problems Paul Addressed

The letter has three main parts:

- I. **Chapters 1-6: Paul addressed disagreements that affected the unity in the church.**
- II. **Chapters 7 – 14: Paul writes about marital issues, liberty and responsibility, spiritual gifts and church order.**
- III. **Chapter 15-16: Paul writes about Jesus' Resurrection.**

1 Corinthians 15:58

15 So then, My dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Don't let anything move you. Always give yourselves completely to the work of the Lord. Because you belong to the Lord, you know that your work is not worthless.

The promise of the resurrection of Christ identifies:

I. The Reason to Remain Steady

II. The Reason to Remain Working

III. The Reason to Remain Confident

The promise of the resurrection of Christ identifies:

I. The Reason to Remain Steady

Be steadfast, immovable

Stand firm. Don't let anything move you

Acts 14:22

22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

The promise of the resurrection of Christ identifies:

II. The Reason to Remain Working

Always give yourselves completely to the work of the Lord

Always abounding in the work of the Lord

1 Corinthians 15:58

do the work of the Lord

1 Corinthians 15:58

**do more than enough
work of the Lord**

1 Corinthians 15:58

at all times

do more than enough

work of the Lord

What is the work of the Lord?

- Preaching
- Sharing Christ's gospel
- Applying the contents of Scripture to our lives
- Edifying one another
- Loving our neighbor as ourselves

It consists of an earnest desire to keep God's commandments and to do so out of gratitude for our salvation provided through his Son.

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The graphic that went here is the discipleship wheel,

with our purpose statement added:

“Follow Christ” in the Share section,

“Love God” in the Connect section,

“Love Others” in the Minister section,

and “Serve the World” in the Disciple-Maker section.

The original wheel can be found here:

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Love Others

The promise of the resurrection of Christ identifies:

III. The Reason to Remain Confident

Knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord

Because you belong to the Lord, you know that your work is not worthless

Hebrews 6: 10

10 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for His Name in serving the saints, as you still do.

Galatians 6:9

9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

1 Corinthians 4: 11-12

11 To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless,

12 and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure;

“What more can I say? Are there no ambitions among you? Consecrate yourselves to God this day. If you have looked to Jesus and trusted Him, serve Him forever. Preach Him if you can; go abroad into the foreign field if you may. If you cannot do that, make money for Him that you may give it to his cause. Open your shop for His sake, let everything be done for Jesus. Take this henceforth for your motto—All for Jesus, always for Jesus, everywhere for Jesus. He deserves it.”

CH Spurgeon

2 Timothy 4:6-8

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near.

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing.