

# 1 Corinthians 15:58

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## I. Introduction.

A. God is at work in you. (Philippians 2)

1. God can still change us.
2. God can be in a place and we can be entirely unaware of it.

B. Text: 1 Corinthians 15:58.

## II. The work of the Lord.

A. The work of the Lord is concerned with people.

1. The work of the Lord is to bind up the broken hearted and to proclaim liberty to the captives. (Isaiah 61:1-3)

a. One of the reasons the Bible is well supported is because it shows life as it really is.

b. The reality that the work of the Lord faces is sin, suffering and death.

2. The Lord's work has to do with turning people from darkness to light - from the power of Satan to God. (Acts 26:18)

3. The Lord's work is that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed. (Luke 24)

4. It is triumph over sin and death.

B. We are to excel and abound in the work of the Lord.

1. If you are not thoroughly pious it is likely because that is not what you intended to become.

2. We are not to passively wait for change - we make it happen.

3. We are to "always" abound in the Lord's work.

a. We have to do this in community.

1) We are too often thinking about our own selfish concerns instead of the body.

2) Bitterness often breaks someone from the body.

b. We have to do this in public and not private.

1) Here our failures get exposed.

2) There are professional snoopers out for you.

c. We have to do this actively and not passively.

1) Great things happened by faith.

2) Some of saints suffered greatly by faith. (Hebrews 11)

4. God's work is tough unto the end.

C. The incentive: our labor in the Lord is never futile or wasted.

1. The Lord will reward.

2. The Lord will multiply our efforts.

3. God makes life worthwhile.

4. To be worthwhile, life must be hooked into eternity. We are therefore called to be steadfast and unmovable.

### **Application questions**

1. What is the work of the Lord that all ministries are called to partake in in some way? How does your ministry meet this work?

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2. How is the human will responsible in the work of the Lord? Explain.

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3. How has a fresh perspective on God's work challenged your ministry? What will you do in the next week as a result of this?

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