





Therefore, my beloved brothers, be **steadfast**, **immovable**, always **abounding** in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58

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 <u>A Call to Action</u>: 1 Corinthians is helping us to become steadfast, immovable, abounding

 A Goal We Pursue Together: Acting in Love to Help One Another Stand Against the Storms of Life

 <u>A Picture of Stability</u>: Our Lives and Our Hopes are Grounded in the Life, Death, and the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus

• A CALL TO ACTION:

- Steadfast in the Lord
- Hope and Victory

STEADFAST AND IMMOVABLE

- Steadfast in the Gospel
- Steadfast in Sound Doctrine

• **STANDING AGAINST THE WINDS OF:**

- False Teaching
- Temptations & Evil Companions
- Skepticism and Struggles

ABOUND IN THE LORD's WORK

- Depending on God's Grace & Strength
- In Our Work Together as a Church
- In Personal Morality
- In Personal Love & Good Deeds
- Our Labor is Not in Vain

Theme Lessons

September 20, 2020 October 18, 2020

November 15, 2020 December 20, 2020

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Be Steadfast in Sound Doctrine

(2 Tim 4:2-4) preach the word be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound doctrine but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

Problems In Corinth

- Questioning Apostles Authority (1)
- Allegiance To Men (1-4)
- Disunity (1-4)
- Incest (5)
- Brethren Going To Law (6)
- Confused About Marriage (7)
- Meats Sacrificed To Idols (8-10)
- Abusing the Lord's Supper (11)
- Honoring our "Head" (11)
- Abused Spiritual Gifts (12-14)
- Denying The Resurrection (15)
- Not Fulfilling Commitments (16)

People are asking all kinds of questions:

- Is Jesus the only way to heaven?
- Are heaven and Hell real places?
- Is the Church worship meeting necessary?
- Baptism necessary to salvation? Or Does it matter how one is baptized?
- Is Jesus coming again?
- Is the Resurrection Real?
- How are we to Worship?
- Is the Bible really the Word of God? How do we know?

Be Steadfast in Sound Doctrine

1. What is Sound Doctrine?

2. Is Sound Doctrine Important?

3. What is the Aim or Foundation Concerning Sound Doctrine?

What is Sound Doctrine?

• "SOUND" means Whole, or Healthy. Hygiene

Doctrine means any kind of TEACHING

• **Biblical Doctrines = Biblical Teachings**

THE IMPORTANCE OF DOCTRINE

Teaching Sound Doctrine is Required of Faithful Elders, Servants, Preachers, Teachers, and Members

- Acts 2:42 Devoted themselves to the Apostles Teaching
 Acts 20:28 Care for the church of God!
- **Titus 1:9** an Elder must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.
- 1 Timothy 1:3 remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine,
- 1 Timothy 1:10-11 and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine,
- 2 Timothy 1:13 Follow the pattern of the sound words
- Titus 2:1 teach what accords with sound doctrine.

THE IMPORTANCE OF DOCTRINE 1. Teaching Sound Doctrine is Required of Faithful Elders, Servants, Preachers, Teachers, and Members

It Saves the Lost and Keeps us Saved Romans 10:17 and James 1:21

3. It Empowers the Saved

Doctrine Empowers the Saved

• A right relationship with fellow believers means

- serving one another (Galatians 5:13),
- loving one another (Romans 13:8),
- forgiving one another (Ephesians 4:32),
- exhorting one another (Hebrews 3:13), and
- stirring one another up towards good works (Hebrews 10:24)!
- A right relationship with people in the world means evangelizing them (Romans 1:16),
- Being a model and example in your Christian life (Colossians 4:5)
- Never compromising the truth (1Corinthians 16:13).

Isaiah 55:10-13

 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

God uses doctrine to turn

- angry people into peacemakers,
- greedy people into givers,
- demanding people into servants,
- lustful people into pure people,
- faithless people into believers,
- proud people into humble people,
- rebels into obedient people, and
- idolaters into worshipers of the one true God.

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- It Saves the Lost and Keeps us Saved
 Romans 10:17
- 3. It Empowers the Saved
- 4. It Purifies the Church
- 5. It Impacts the Future

THE AIM OF Our Charge Concerning DOCTRINE

• The Aim of Our Charge: Love

 1 Tim. 1:3 & 5 <u>charge</u> certain persons not to teach any different doctrine ... The <u>aim</u> of our <u>charge</u> is <u>love</u>, that issues from a <u>pure heart</u> and a <u>good conscience</u> and a <u>sincere faith</u>.

• A Pure Heart

- A Good Conscience
- Faith Unfeigned



* BE STEADFAST, IMMOVABLE, * ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD

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The Blessings of 1 Corinthians 15

- Brings honor to God by emphasizing His grace and sovereignty.
- Brings stability to our lives by helping us stay grounded in the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.
- Brings hope to our outlook by explaining key facts about the final resurrection and victory prepared for Christians.
- Brings success to our battles by directing us away from dangerous sins and influences.
- Brings encouragement to our works by showing us the eternal difference our labors make.