

# Abounding in God's Work

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Teach others. (Deuteronomy 4:9)
- B. Your labor is not in vain in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

## II. 1 Corinthians 15:58.

A. "Always abounding in the work of the Lord."

B. What the work of the Lord is.

1. The work of the Lord is doing good and healing the oppressed of the devil. (Acts 10:38)
2. It is to do good.
  - a. The Great Commandment precedes the Great Commission.
  - b. Helping people in need is the work of the Lord. Jesus went about doing good, but we tend to just go about.
  - c. Ask questions and you will find needs.
3. It is to heal the oppressed.
  - a. Satan has blinded the minds of the oppressed. (2 Corinthians 4)
  - b. Love is an unselfish concern that freely accepts another and seeks their good.
4. It is receiving peace from the Prince of Peace. (John 6)

C. How to go about it.

1. We are to abound in it. It should be a part of you. (Matthew 28:19-20)
2. We abound because our labor is not in vain.
3. It is a privilege to give our lives for that which counts for eternity.
4. We can continue to bear fruit into old age. (Psalm 94:15)
5. One day our Lord will say, "Well done my good and faithful servant."

D. The fine print: "be steadfast and unmovable."

1. Because of the devil.

- a. The work of the Lord is exciting but it is not easy because we have an enemy.
- b. The enemy is against us. How often our enemy becomes our advisor.  
(Ephesians 6:12, 1 Peter 5:12)

2. Because of our friends. (Deuteronomy 1:28)

- a. It is too easy to talk about people and not to them.
- b. We have to be ready for the tears.
- c. Leadership is paying a price, and if one is not paying a price he is not leading.
- d. We are called to go out and “die” for people. (John 12:24)

III. Conclusion: find a place to rededicate your life to the Lord. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

**Application questions.**

1. Explain the “work of the Lord.” What is its relationship to the Great Commission?

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2. What is the speaker’s advice concerning doing God’s work? How might that look in your own circumstances?

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3. Brainstorm some good works that you can partake in within your sphere of influence. List three you can accomplish in the next month and ways you can go about accomplishing them.

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