

THE STRENGTH OF PURPOSE

SCRIPTURE: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

INTRODUCTION

HERE IS A GOLDEN NUGGET OF INSTRUCTION FOR THE BELIEVER. IT IS AN INSTRUCTION CONCERNING OUR SPIRITUAL WARFARE. WE ARE TO TAKE OUR STAND, AND LET NOTHING MOVE US. WE MUST GIVE OURSELVES FULLY TO THE WORK OF GOD REALIZING THAT WHAT WE DO FOR HIM IS NOT IN VAIN.

I. STAND FIRM

EXODUS 33:21 NIV THEN THE LORD SAID, THERE IS A PLACE NEAR ME WHERE YOU MAY STAND ON A ROCK.

- A. DETERMINE IF YOUR GOAL IS RIGHT
- B. TAKE YOUR STAND

II. LET NOTHING MOVE YOU

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 NIV DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING, BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING, PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD. AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH TRANSCENDS ALL UNDERSTANDING WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.

- A. BE PLANTED IN GOD'S WORD
- B. BE ESTABLISHED IN PRAYER, PETITION AND THANKSGIVING

III. ALWAYS GIVE YOURSELF FULLY TO THE WORK OF THE LORD

ACTS 20:24 NIV HOWEVER, I CONSIDER MY LIFE WORTH NOTHING TO ME, IF ONLY I MAY FINISH THE RACE AND COMPLETE THE TASK THE LORD JESUS HAS GIVEN ME THE TASK OF TESTIFYING TO THE GOSPEL OF GOD'S GRACE.

- A. THE VALUE OF ACTIVATING OUR COMMITMENT
- B. THE COMMANDMENT TO DO WHAT WE KNOW TO DO

JAMES 4:17 NIV ANYONE, THEN, WHO KNOWS THE GOOD HE OUGHT TO DO AND DOESN'T DO IT, SINS.

IV. YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN

1 PETER 5:4 NIV AND WHEN THE CHIEF SHEPHERD APPEARS, YOU WILL RECEIVE THE CROWN OF GLORY THAT WILL NEVER FADE AWAY.

- A. GOD IS MONITORING OUR FAITHFULNESS
- B. GOD IS PREPARING A REWARD FOR OUR FAITHFULNESS