

Series: The Wealth of Christ and the Walk of the Christian

WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP

(PT. 3)

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¹⁰ *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that **we should walk in them.***

Introduction:

As we conclude this passage note what Paul states to the believers at Ephesus – which they should walk in them or remain steadfast in the good works.

Turn to 1 Corinthians 15:58

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⁵⁸ *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

May we learn the importance of remaining steadfast.

Note:

1. INSTRUCTION REGARDING BEING STEADFAST – “BE YE”

This is not a suggestion.

2. IMPERATIVE OF BEING STEADFAST

It is needed in every area of our life.

Too many today instead of remaining faithful have grown fickle.

3. ILLUSTRATIONS OF STEADFASTNESS

- Josiah

2 Kings 22:1-2

¹ *Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.* ² **And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.**

- Three Hebrew Boys
- Daniel

- Caleb
- Stephen
- Paul – Finished his course

4. IMPEDIMENT OF STEADFASTNESS

- Instability

Proverbs 24:21

²¹ *My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:*

Jeremiah 2:36

³⁶ *Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria.*

Ephesians 4:14

¹⁴ *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

James 1:6

⁶ *But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.*

- Iniquity and Spiritual Indifference

Matthew 24:12

¹² *And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.*

- Double Mindedness

Luke 16:13

¹³ *No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

James 1:8

⁸ *A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*

- Indecision (A cousin to double mindedness)

1 Kings 18:21

²¹ *And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.*

Joshua 24:15

¹⁵ *And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose*

land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

5. IMPLEMENTATION OF STEADFASTNESS

1 Corinthians 15:58

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- Endure Hardship

2 Timothy 2:3

³ Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

- A Good Soldier is a Follower
- A Good Soldier Remains Faithful
- A Good Soldier is Familiar With His Commander, Using His Weapons, and the Strategy of His Enemy
- A Good Soldier is a Fighter
- A Good Soldier is a Finisher

- Forgets the Past and Forges Forward

Philippians 3:13-14

¹³ *Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,* ¹⁴ *I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

- Purpose in Your Heart

Daniel 1:8

⁸ *But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.*

Close:

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