

## **1 Cor. 15:58**

**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.**

**Therefore, my beloved brothers**

**. Based on the power of the  
resurrection of Christ.**

**. Based on the truth of the  
resurrection of Christ.**

**1. Be anchored.**

**“Be steadfast” – be seated; settled; firmly situated; solid commitment; clear decision; unchangeable; not turning aside; unshaken.**

**'Immovable' – “stand your ground”(MSG)**  
**- not wavering; refuse to budge; anchored**  
**- intense immobility; not erratic;**  
**not swayed by others**

**We will not be moved from...**

- a love and devotion to Christ**
- a faith in His promises**
- a commitment to obey His will and follow His word.**

- **No matter what the world says.**
- **No matter what temptations come our way.**
- **No matter how intense the persecution.**
- **No matter how difficult the trials.**

**Contrast –(Eph. 4:14) “So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.**



# **What are my anchor points?**

- Core beliefs of Christianity**

- authority of God's Word**

- attributes of God**

- access to God through His grace**

- assurance of salvation**

- Love relationship with Christ and His church**

- Love my family**



## **2. Be active**

**... always abounding in the work of the  
Lord. (58)**

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**overflowing; not stagnant; multiply;  
exceeding; toil.**

**“I have kept nothing back from God.”  
Florence Nightingale**

**... To be rich in good works.  
1 Tim. 6:18**

**... always enthusiastic about the Lord's  
work. 1 Cor. 15:58 (NLT)**



**... don't hold back, throw yourselves into  
the work of the Master. (MSG)**

**What has helped you persevere in serving Christ?**

**. In comparison to what Jesus went through carrying the cross and giving His life, then I can surely do what He has asked of me.**

**The joy in serving Jesus far surpasses the temporary stuff of the world.**

**Where else would I go? Serving Jesus is the best.**

**My grandparents' faith was so steady through the Depression and many other difficult trials that I can surely continue through my trials.**

**The world makes no sense without a God who is in control and seeing Him as the center of all that we do.**

**Miraculous answers to prayer remind me over and over that God is real and powerful. I don't want to miss out on seeing him at work.**

**I have sensed God's call on my life since I was young and I must remain faithful to that call.**

**Not everyone knows Jesus. He is worth it.**

**Question is, which part of the service are you in?**

**1. Active duty: serving the Lord faithfully, daily and on duty 24-7?**

**2. Reserve Status: serving only when called upon or twice year, Christmas and Easter?**

**3. Guard Status: backing up the Active Duty group?**

**4. A.W.O.L.: absent without the Lord?**

**3. Be aware.**

**- Doing God's work**



**“... In the work of the Lord” – about His  
kingdom, His purposes.**

## **It is the Lord's work**

- to invest in your family**
- to be an example of Christ at work**
- to be a good neighbor**
- to serve him in seen and unseen ways**

**- In God's strength**

- ... knowing that in the Lord...**
- Abiding in Christ – Jn. 15:15**
  - Resting on His grace – 2 Cor. 9:8**
  - Following His will - Matt. 26:39**
  - Trusting in His power –  
Eph. 3:20-21**
  - Loving the Lord – Matt. 22:37-39**

**“Though we are at the end of our  
rope we are never at the end of His  
rope.”**

**“How do you keep on doing it?”**

**“Sometimes you just love.”**

**So we do not lose heart. Though our  
outer self is wasting away, our inner self  
is being renewed day by day.**

**2 Cor. 4:16**

**So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace.**

**(MSG)**



**- For God's Glory**

**“...your labor...”**

**- (not really Paul’s labor or my labor)**

**But by the grace of God I am what I am and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me.**

**1 Cor. 15:10**

**He grew strong in his faith as he  
gave glory to God. Rom. 4:20**

**Whether you eat or drink or  
whatever you do, do all to the glory  
of God. 1 Cor. 10:31**

**“To truly care for people requires  
not caring too much about their  
approval or disapproval.”**

**John Ortberg**

**- Will never be wasted.  
(is not in vain; not empty, useless)**

**Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. Gal. 6:9**



**The world says, . “What a waste...”**

- . of time**
- . of talent**
- . of resources**

**Satan says –**

- . No one notices what you do.**
- . They don't appreciate you.**
- . You are a failure - what's the use?**
- . This is too difficult.**
- . God is not worth it**