

## **Title: A Steadfast Attitude in Soul Winning Endeavours II**

**Text:** *1Cor 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

**Introduction:** Apostle Paul used two very important words in our text: ‘*Steadfast*’ and ‘*Unmovable*’. Yesterday, we looked at the word “Steadfast”. Today I want us to look at the second word “Unmovable” in this text. The word refers to one of the most critically important attitudes for those who want to please God and do something noteworthy in their lives particularly in the area of soul winning.

The word “immovable” in Greek has several meanings:

- It means not easily excited, shaken, or affected.
- It describes something that is not changeable or unpredictable.
- It was also frequently used in connection with stone structures or to refer to people who are known to have a strong and unbending character.
- Thus, this word portrays something that is solid, unbending, and not easily excited, shaken, or affected; a person, building, or place that is constant, stable, enduring, and dependable.

In other words, this is not an erratic, indecisive, “here-today, gone-tomorrow,” “on-again, off-again” type of person; rather, this is someone who is constant, stable, and dependable. Now because the Greek word describes something immovable, it carries the idea of someone whose attitude can be described as:

- Rock-solid
- Fixed
- Grounded
- Established
- Rooted
- Anchored
- Unvarying
- Permanent
- Stable

When we start a new project or step out in faith to do something for the advancement of the Kingdom, there will always be obstacles that try to get in our way. If we are not determined to be tougher than the problems that arise, it won’t be long before we throw in the towel and give up. That is why the understanding of the Greek word is so vital. It is an attitude that says, “*I’m not moving until I see what God wants come to pass*”

Anyone who wants to be great or to do great things for God must learn to be constant, stable, dependable, flexible, unbending, and unyielding in the face of challenges. This is a common characteristic shared by all great achievers.

This means **1 Corinthians 15:58** could be translated:

*“...Be constant, stable, enduring, and dependable - one who is always abounding in the work of the Lord....”*

When you know God has called you to do something, you have to develop this kind of rock-solid, immovable attitude about that task or project because one thing is certain: the devil will attempt to side-track you. That’s what the enemy does to anyone who God calls to do a job!

The devil will try to use people’s negative words, a lack of finances, adverse circumstances, discouragement, and a host of other tactics to move you off course from your intended goal. That’s why you have to make up your mind to be fixed, rooted, grounded, anchored, and unwavering in your commitment to accomplish the task God has set before you.

Don’t allow yourself to be inconsistent and wavering in your commitment to accomplish your God-given assignment. And remember that people are watching our example. In this world where a lackadaisical, careless attitude predominates, people need to see what true commitment looks like in the Church of Jesus Christ.

Be steadfast and immovable in the place where God has called you. Make the rock-solid decision that you will be a “permanent fixture” within the place of your divine assignment until your task is completed with excellence regardless of what it costs you.

Doing the work of God requires this kind of attitude. The most notable thing that pleases God is soul winning endeavours:

*“And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. Luke 14:23.*

**Go out into the highways** - Since enough people had not been found in the lanes and streets, he commands the servant to go into the roads - the public highways out of the city, as well as to the streets in it - and invite them also.

**Go into the Hedges** - A hedge is the enclosure around a field or vineyard. It was commonly made of thorns, planted for the purpose of keeping livestock out

of the vineyard. Those in the hedges were very poor labourers employed in planting the thorns or trimming them - poor men in the society in those days. God offers salvation to all men and women irrespective of status. It's not His will that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Compel them, that is, urge them to come. Do not hear their excuses because of their poverty. God's purpose is not to reject anyone on account of their poverty or lack of good clothes etc. God is interested in the salvation of all and that's why He commands His servants, His ministers, to urge them to come, to press on them the salvation of the gospel, and to use ALL the means in our power to bring them into His Kingdom through the Church.

May we all be willing in this day of His power as the world is set for a revival in this prophetic season.

#### **Prayer Points for today:**

- Pray and tell the Lord that as you step out to win souls for His Kingdom, you realise there will always be obstacles that try to get in your way; ask the Lord to help you stay tougher than any problems that may arise.
- Pray and ask the Lord to help you maintain the attitude that says, "I'm not giving up until I see souls come into the Kingdom through the Church.
- Pray and ask the Lord to make you constant, stable, dependable, inflexible, unbending, and unyielding in the face of challenges in the area of soul winning endeavours.
- Pray and tell the Lord to forgive you for any instability in your attitude towards Soul Winning endeavours.
- Pray and tell the Lord to help you overcome every wrong attitude and weakness in your character in Soul Winning endeavours.
- Pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom.
  
- Now ask the Lord for grace and receive it:
  - Grace to stay tougher than any situation you encounter in the harvest fields
  - Grace to be faithful and reliable servants:
  - Grace for the right attitude in Soul Winning endeavours
  - Grace to be productive co-labourers with Jesus
  - Grace to maximise your potential and advancing the kingdom

### **Prophetic Declaration:**

I declare that I am *steadfast* and *immovable*! I have a non-negotiable attitude of absolute determination to do what God has called me to do. I am fixed, solid, grounded, established, anchored, unvarying, permanent, and stable in my tenacity to see souls saved. I grab hold of all that God has destined for me to accomplish with my life. I will not stop, give in, give up, or surrender to anything that tries to discourage me or to throw me off track. I am committed to making Kingdom advancement my priority in life. I DECLARE THIS BY FAITH IN JESUS MIGHTY NAME!

### **The Holy Communion:**

Pray for forgiveness of sins.

“I bless the bread and wine and whatever you have. I declare it holy as a symbol of the blood and flesh of Jesus Christ.

I pray that as you partake of this communion; you will become steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, with the knowledge that your labour will be rewarded in the Lord.

I pray that God will give you spiritual understanding to know what you ought to do in this Prophetic season of revival.”

Give Jesus thanks!