

What Therefore Is There For

(1 Corinthians 15:58)

- Introduction:
1. Have you ever noticed that most of the time you read the word “therefore,” in Scripture it follows an argument and then proceeds with a work we should do.
 2. With our theme for the year being, “Be doers of the word,” I immediately began thinking about these “therefore” statements in the Bible.
 - a. Bought with a price, therefore glorify God (1 Cor. 6:20).
 - b. Jesus is coming again, therefore do not sleep but watch (1 Thess. 5:6).
 3. But this morning I would like for us to consider the “therefore” in 1 Corinthians 15:58.

I. Therefore, Be Steadfast

- A. The fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians is about the certainty of the resurrection and life after death.
- B. This is the truth preceding the word “therefore,” and be steadfast is the instruction following.
- C. Steadfast means to be firm.

II. Therefore, Be Immovable

- A. Sadly, we all know Christians who began a walk with God but were moved away from him with time.
- B. People are moved by
 1. Tragedy – (Job 2:9; ill. Raccoon John Smith).
 2. Worldliness – (Demas 2 Timothy 4:10).

III. Therefore, Be Always in the Work of the Lord

- A. God doesn’t want or need “on again, off again” disciples.
- B. We need to be “always” involved in the work of the Lord.
- C. What does that look like? It’s as broad as evangelism, edification, and benevolence.

IV. Therefore, Be Abounding in the Work of the Lord

- A. God doesn’t just want steadfast, immovable workers, he needs them to abound in the work.
- B. Time for self-evaluation. Do you dabble in or abound in the work of the Lord?
- C. Imagine the good that could be accomplished to the glory of God if it wasn’t a handful in our congregations who abounded in the Lord’s work, but all followers of Jesus abounded in the work?

- Conclusion:
1. So my challenge to you this morning is two-fold.
 - a. Notice how “therefore” is frequently used in the New Testament.
 - b. Evaluate whether your life is the proper response to the fact of the resurrection and future return of Jesus.
 2. Invitation.