

# Being Steadfast and Abounding

It is amazing to think of some of the oldest and largest trees in the world that may have been standing for hundreds of years. Consider all that those great timbers have withstood over their time; all the changes in the earth, the storms the climate variations, and the intrusions of mankind. The ones that have survived that long have been well rooted, nourished in solid ground and secure. We can learn valuable lessons from the creation around us (*Psalm 1:1-3*) We are also called to be steadfast and growing in the work of our God.

## 1.) Being Steadfast (*1 Cor. 15:58*)

- Grounded and \_\_\_\_\_ in faith (*2 Pet. 3:17-18; James 1:6-8; Eph.4:14; Heb.6:19*)
- It is an \_\_\_\_\_ response, both in the body and the mind (*Eph. 2:10; Titus 3:14*)

## 2.) Abounding and Excelling (*2 Cor. 8:7*)

- Faith (*Heb. 11:6; Eph.2:8; Jude 20-21*)
- Speech (*Mark 16:15; 1 Pet.2:9; 3:14-15*)
- Knowledge (*1 Pet.2:2; Eph. 5-9-10*)
- Diligence (*Col.3:23-24; Ecc.9:10; Rev.3:15-16*)
- Love (*1 John 4:8; Matt.22:37-39; 1 Pet.4:8*)

## 3.) The Value of Protecting this Commitment and Zeal

- A steadfast and working \_\_\_\_\_ (*Heb. 6:19; Gal 6:9*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ on the wisdom of God's plan (*Ps. 136; 1 Kings 19:15-18*)
- Nothing done for the Lord is in \_\_\_\_\_ (*1 Cor. 15:58; Matt.5:10-12*)