

# Stedfast

1 Cor. 15: 58.

## II. Must Be Stedfast.

Col. 1: 23.

A. All the time - Regard of trial.

Col. 2: 5.

B. In the Faith. Col. 2: 7;

Eph. 4: 14; 2 Thess. 2: 15;

1 Pet. 5: 9.

C. In the Lord.

Phil. 4: 1 Cleave Acts 11: 23.

D. In Conviction.

1 Cor. 7: 37.

E. In Prayer.

Rom. 12: 12.

F. In Worship.

Acts 2: 42.

## I. Some Not Stedfast.

Gal. 5: 7.

A. Did Run.

B. Why Stop?



## III. Why Be Stedfast?

A. It is a command.

1 Cor. 15: 58.

B. Lest we wrest the Scriptures.

2 Pet. 3: 16.

C. Lest we be enticed. 2 Pet. 2: 14.

## IV. How Long

## Be Stedfast?

A. To the end. Heb. 3: 14.

## STEDFAST

1 Cor. 15:58

INTRO: When children, we were taught many lessons in stories such as the Tortoise and the Hare. This story caused all of us to learn the lesson of steadfastness. We even wanted the Tortoise to win because of his determination. I would thrill with anxiousness as my mother would read of the hare sleeping and the poor turtle plugging on past him. I hoped the hare would not wake up, and sure enough he did not until it was too late.

I still can feel that same excitement when I see the faithful Christian plug along through disappointment, temptation, sorrow, and abuse. I pull for him to come through in steadfastness. As Paul said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that loved his appearing." 2 Tim. 4:7-8.

Stedfast means: "Unchanging; not fickle or wavering; constant; resolute; unswerving; steady as a steadfast eye, spirit, purpose" (*Webster's Dictionary*). Paul exhorts us to be stedfast: 1 Cor. 15:58.

### I. SOME NOT STEDFAST. GAL. 5:7.

- A. Did Run. They were running, but Judaizing teachers had hindered them by trying to bind the Law of Moses on them.
- B. Why Stop? Why did they stop running? They were not stedfast. They were not grounded in the faith. They were not like the tortoise who kept right on regardless of those who laughed or discouraged.

### II. WE MUST BE STEDFAST. COL. 1:23.

We must be stedfast, not moved away from the hope of the Gospel.

- A. All the Time—Regardless of trials. Col. 2:5. Not all will be smooth sailing. Trials, temptations, sickness, sorrow, and disappointment, will come to all of us.
- B. In the Faith. Col. 2:7; Eph. 4:14; 2 Thess. 2:15; 1 Pet. 5:8-9. Peter here tells us that we must be must stedfast in the faith and that all our brethren suffer the same trials and temptation of Satan.
- C. In the Lord. Phil. 4:1 He will never let us down. Stay Faithful. Cleave. Acts 11:23.
- D. In Conviction. 1 Cor. 7:37. When we make up our mind to do well, we must stay with our conviction.
- E. In Prayer. Rom. 12:12. Remain stedfast in prayer. Keep on.
- F. In Worship Acts 2:42.

### III. WHY BE STEDFAST?

- A. It is a Command. 1 Cor. 15:58.
- B. Lest We Wrest the Scriptures. 2 Pet. 3:16.
- C. Lest We Be Enticed. 2 Pet. 2:14.

### IV. HOW LONG TO BE STEDFAST?

To the End. Heb. 3:14.

CONCL: It is not starting the Christian race, but finishing the race that will gain us entry in to the presence of God for eternity. To finish, we must be stedfast.