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TURN A CORNER!

First Corinthians 15:58, the conclusion to a chapter on Jesus' resurrection:

"Therefore, my dear brothers..."

This call isn't to just anyone but to believers. And the call is to work hard – not for your salvation but *because of* your salvation.

"I would not work my soul to save,
For that my Lord has done,
But I would work like any slave
For love of God's dear Son."

"Stand firm. let nothing move you."

Be like a British oak, which has as much below the ground as above, so that winds can actually double it over and it will still stand. Isaiah 37:31.

"Always give yourselves fully."

An admirer of the great pianist Paderewski: "I'd give everything if I could play like you."
Paderewski: "That's what it cost me."

"...To the work of the Lord"

Can you think of anything to get worn out for as wonderful as Christ and the gospel? You're going to get tired doing something; why not His work?

"Because you know..."

Intuitively you know. God is a kind Father. He keeps good books. He pays good wages.

"...That your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

It's never fruitless; it can't get overlooked or lost. And it brings a crown, a reward, that will last forever (I Co. 9:25)! Then live for Him with all your might! Turn a corner!