

2017 theme:

"THE DILIGENT HANDS WILL RULE" Pro 12:24

- BE OBIDIENT – DO NOT DOUBT (Part 1)
- BE RIGHTEOUS (Part 2)
- BE TRUTHFUL (Part 3)
- SEEK AND FIND KNOWLEDGE (Part 4)
- DEMONSTRATE WORKS (Part 5)
- RELATE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT(Part 6)
- DO NOT BREATHE ANXIETY (PART 7)
- SOW A SEED OF THANKSGIVING (PART 8)
- BE STEADFAST (PART 9)
- GIVE - THERE IS POWER IN GIVING (PART 10)
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- THE DILIGENT'S EYE MUST BE OPEN (PART 12)
- GOD'S GLORY RAINS ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM (PART 13)
- STAND FIRM IN YOUR FAITH (PART 14)
- CLEAN YOUR HOUSE (PART 15)
- SUMMARY: 16 KEY TOOLS FOR AN EFFECTIVE TOOL BOX (PART 16)
- TAKE CHARGE (PART 17)
- TAKE SMALL STEPS (PART 18)
- TAKE SMALL STEPS #2 (PART 19) – BEWARE OF MOCKERS AND SCOFFERS
- SOW FOR HIS TREASURE (PART 20)
- FIX YOUR THOUGHTSS ON JESUS (PART 21)
- NOT HOW SOON BUT HOW WELL (PART 22)
- GOD FIGHTS THE BATTLE OF THE DILIGENT (PART 23)
- SOMEONE ELECTED AS MANAGER MUST PROVE FAITHFUL (PART 24)
- AND THE GATES OF HAIL WILL NOT PREVAIL (PART 25)
- MAKE ALL EFFORTS TO RETAIN YOUR ELECTION (PART 26)
- DO NOT TOLERATE SIN (PART 27)
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STEADFASTNESS IS CRITICAL FOR LEADERSHIP (PART 29)

Being STEADFAST will bring different meaning to different people depending on the stage of one Christian journey.

STEADFAST means being: firm, determined, resolute, committed, devoted, dedicated, reliable, steady, constant, relentless, single-minded; unchanging, unwavering, unhesitating, unfaltering, unswerving, unyielding, unflinching, uncompromising.

In this definition, we would find at least one word that speaks to our situation.

I Corinthians 15:58 says steadfast would means “always abounding in the work of the Lord”

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Characteristics of Steadfastness

1. In Acts 20:24, Paul said: "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God. ... full focus on the Ministry.
2. Galatians 6:9: "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary." Remaining hot.
3. Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,".. Endure
4. Revelation 3:11: "I am coming quickly; hold firm what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

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5. Luke 9:62 "But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God (fit for leadership)." **Do not look back**

Joshua 1:7 "Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go."

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Characteristics of Steadfastness (Contd.)

Psalm 136: 1-26 enumerates **God's acts of steadfastness and thus exemplifies what qualifies an action as steadfast act:**

VS. 1-3"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever." ²

God's steadfast acts **ENDURE**(He made the heavens, spread out the earth above the waters), **IMPACTED MANY** lives (made the great lights, the sun to rule over the day, moon and stars to rule over the night), **DESTROY PROUD OBSTACLE THAT KEEP PEOPLE FROM KNOWING GOD** (struck down the firstborn of Egypt, divided the Red Sea in two, struck down great kings)

COMPASSIONATE (He remembers us in our low estate and gives food to all flesh).

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WHAT NEXT – WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Psalm 25:10 “**All the paths of the Lord** are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.”

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 “We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father **your work of faith** and **labour of love** and **steadfastness of hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Paul is sure of one (1) out of three (3) areas we can be steadfast. Let conquer the three.



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CONCLUSION

STEADFASTNESS IS CRITICAL FOR LEADERSHIP.

"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ" that is required to get us there (1 Thessalonians 3:5).

May our steadfastness enable us "destroy every obstacle that keeps people from knowing God." And "capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ." "6And may we be ready to punish every act of disobedience, as soon as your obedience is complete."

GOD BLESS YOU!

2017 PRAYER POINTS

1. Prayer over the message of today
2. “Lord, please extend your love to all nations through prayers offered on this alter (Psalm 117)

Let our prayers be acceptable unto you.

3. Prayer for Leadership of Nations ...

- a. Be anointed leaders of honour like Cyrus (Isa 45:1, Rm 9:21)
- b. Give them spirit of humility in leadership and wisdom to lead well
- c. Any leader that fails to obey God's Word, should be replaced

4. Troubles/Wars in nations.

5. Leave no room for diseases; cleanse our land

6. Missions/Ministries & Missionaries/Ministers

7. Marriages, Children & families

8. Members of the fellowship – grace to be diligent

9 Needs in fellowship

