

# In the Lord Your Labor Is Not in Vain

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## - Encouragement for parents -

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### I. Confidence in Christ

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#### A. Our sins are forgiven

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**Romans 8:33-34** Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us

*The worth of the most successful Christian, as well as the complete failure, is determined by Christ, not by their human achievements!*

#### B. We will be raised with Christ

**1 Corinthians 15:20-23** But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. **For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive**. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

**1 Corinthians 15:19** If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied."

*The main purpose of Christianity is to bring us into the glory of heaven with Jesus Christ, not to provide a comfortable life here on earth.*

**1 Corinthians 15:42-43** So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power

**Titus 2:11-13** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, **waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ**

### C. We will be victors in Christ

**1 Corinthians 15:54-57** When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, **who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

**1 Corinthians 15:24-28** Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.' But when it says, 'all things are put in subjection,' it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all

## II. Confidence in the Work of Christ

**1 Corinthians 15:58** "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding **in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain**

### A. Cooperation with God

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them

**Ephesians 3:16-19** that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God

**Ephesians 3:20-21** **Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen**

**1 Corinthians 3:9** For we are **God's fellow workers (συνεργοί)**. You are God's field, God's building."

*When you love your children with the love of God, you have the amazing privilege of being a conduit of God's love. And this in itself is a huge blessing, whether or not you see the fruits of this love here on earth.*

## B. Treasure in Heaven

**Revelation 14:13** And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, **for their deeds follow them**

**2 Timothy 4:7-8** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth **there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me **but also to all who have loved his appearing**

**Matthew 6:19-21** Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, **but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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