



So organized labor had its roots in making idols!

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➔ Our text (1 Cor. 15:58) indicates

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- Paul was writing about the resurrection and the rapture (vs. 51-55).
- (v. 15). In view of the imminent rapture, we are exhorted to keep on working for the Lord (cf. John 9:4).

## I. Our ASSOCIATES in labor.

A. Our BRETHREN—

speaks of family.

1. We work together. We do not labor alone.
2. This is a “.” We are striving for the same goal (see 1 Corinthians 3:5-9).
3. OKE (Mt. 11:28-30).

➔ Being a carpenter, Jesus knew about yokes.

a) A tool of SERVICE

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A yoke is a wooden beam used to harness a pair of oxen or other animals to enable them to work in pairs.

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- When you get saved, you are called to be harnessed to Him!
- He is not calling us to work alone—He is calling us to work with Him!

b) A tool of SUBMISSION.

- Yokes make it possible to guide and govern oxen. You cannot be yoked to Jesus and go your own way.
- You have to lower your head to get into a yoke.
- You have to YIELD to the YOKE!

B. Our BO — ...

— We must remember

WHO we are working for. You are NOT working for the pastor!

➔ Colossians 3:23-24—

*to the Lord,*

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*: for ye serve the Lord*

*Christ.*

- C. Our **B INE** — i.e. in the cause of the Lord.  
 Doing what God wants done (Col. 1:28-29—  
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1. The business is preaching Christ
2. The business is discipling converts

## II. The **ASPECTS** of our labor.

### A. **EAD** —

1. Faithful; dependable; heart fixed; unwavering; determined.
2. "The secret of success is to start from scratch and keep on scratching."

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One day Dr. Jack Hyles stopped to watch a group of boys playing baseball game. He called to the boy in right field, "What's the score?" The boy answered, "We're trailing 21 to nothing!"

"Well," Hyles said, "you might as well give up."

"Why should we give up, mister? We haven't been up to at bat yet!"

Amen! That's the winning spirit.

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### B. **OLID** — Firm ( ! )

1. Unshaken by outward circumstances. Not turned aside.  
 ➡ Bob Jones Sr—"The test of your character is what will it take to stop you."
2. Nothing could stop Paul— ...

- Persecution could not move Paul (2 Cor. 11:24-27).
- Problems could not move Paul (2 Cor. 12:7-9).
- People could not move Paul (Phil. 1:15-18).



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While I was on staff at Open Door Baptist, we had a guy named Tom who spent his lunch hours passing out tracts at Pike Place Market in Seattle. After several years, Tom got discouraged and quit.

One day as he passed through the Pike Place Market he saw a man passing out tracts at the same spot where he used to pass out tracts. He approached the man and said, “I think you are wasting your time.”

The man answered, “I don’t think so. I got saved through a tract that a guy gave me at this very spot about a year ago.

Tom said, “I’m the one who gave you that tract. I quit passing out tracts because I didn’t think it did any good. Now, by the grace of God, I shall start again.”

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**MMA ION:** Are you a member of God’s Labor Union? Get in the YOKE!

The benefits are out-of-this world—And God’s laborers never need to go on strike!

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