Psalm 112:7 – “He shall not be afraid of evil tidings, his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.”

How steadfast are you when circumstances seem overwhelming or impossible to face?

The dictionary defines ‘steadfast’ – “resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering, fixed, unchanging, steady, established.”

Does this define YOU, when your outward surroundings appear shaken or weak? When the normal routines of life are detoured or postponed because of emergencies or challenges that unexpectedly surprise you, how do you react?

Let’s find out what God’s Word says on this subject about being “steadfast”.

II Thessalonians 2:2 – “That ye be not soon shaken in mind or be troubled, neither by spirit, not by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.”
II Thessalonians 2:3-14. II Thessalonians 2:15 says, “Therefore, brethren, stand fast (or be steadfast) and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle”. (#16 & #17, too)

I Peter 5:7-9, explains how the devil (the enemy of your soul) will try to cause you to be worried, anxious, etc. Satan wants to rock you faith.

I Peter 5:7 – “Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.”
(verse #8) – “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour”
(verse #9) – “Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”

Here are some verses pertaining to “hold fast”.

Hebrews 4:14 – “Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast (or be steadfast in) our profession.”

Hebrews 10:23 – “Let us hold fast (be steadfast in) the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that promised.”

Verse #25 goes on to say, “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as we see the day approaching.”

Psalm 92:13 – “Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.”
PLANTED MEANS: “DEEPLY ROOTED, FIRMLY FIXED OR HELD.” (Audio English Dictionary)

Revelation 3:11 - “Behold, I come quickly, hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown.”

Do you receive “crowns” in heaven? Yes, most definitely!

1) The Incorruptible Crown - (I Corinthians 9:24-25) This crown is for those who follow Jesus all the way, no matter what the sacrifice costs them.

2) The Crown of Rejoicing – (I Thessalonians 2:19) This is the “soul winner’s” crown. It is for those who lead others to Jesus or witness to the lost.

3) The Crown of Life - (James 1:12) This crown is for those who undergo severe hardship, tests and possible physical pain as a Christian for serving the Lord. Also, those are willing or have literally died as a martyr for Christ.

4) The Crown of Righteousness – (II Timothy 4:8) This crown is for those who have lived a good and righteous life for Christ and are looking forward to His return.
5) The Crown of Glory – (I Peter 5:1-4) This crown is for ministers who faithfully teach and preach the Word of God. This more than likely includes:

pastors, evangelists, teachers, Sunday School teachers, and missionaries. Anyone who is exhorting the Bible to help others learn more about Jesus, this crown includes them.

See why it is vitally important to be “STEADFAST” in our faith and faithfully to what God has called us to do, whether seen or not seen?

I Corinthians 15:58 says, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye STEADFAST, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”

Let’s be steadfast in our faith to God, steadfast against our foe, the devil, and steadfast to witness to our friends, family and acquaintances.

Jesus really IS COMING SOON! Be ready! BE STEADFAST !!!

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