

**Living a
Life
That's
Not In
Vain**



I went up again to Jerusalem... to set before them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles... For fear that I was running or had run my race. In vain. (*Galatians 2:3*)

By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

(1 Corinthians 15:2)

ATTITUDE

Some things become futile or wasted effort because we give up and no longer **believe**, **hope**, or **persevere**.

To **see results**, we must HOLD ON,
WORK HARD, and BELIEVE FULLY!

God's grace to me was not without effect [in vain]. No, I worked harder than all of them. But it was not me, it was the grace of God that was with me.

(1 Corinthians 15:10)

If there is no resurrection of the dead,
then not even Christ has been raised.
And if Christ has not been raised, our
preaching is useless [vain] and so is
your faith.

(1 Corinthians 15:14)

TRUTH/REALITY

Some efforts are later discovered to be “in vain” because they were never valid or real to begin with. **False assumptions.**

In one sense faith is no different than any other investment. It can **accomplish nothing** if it is based on nothing.

Therefore stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the works of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is NOT IN VAIN.

(1 Corinthians 15:58)

1. THINK. BELIEVE. RESOLVE. (intellect)
2. HOLD NOTHING BACK. DEVOTE
YOURSELF (action)
3. MOVE PAST THE QUESTION
OF “WORTH IT?”