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If you take the time to actually work what I share with you tonight, you will be awesomely blessed.

I Thessalonians 3:6-10

Read <u>Lifestyle of a Believer</u> page 10

Being a "Doulos" is the highest form of heroism.

Stand fast in the Lord.

We must have incentives to get excited and stay excited and to actually "do" things. That's why God gave us Thessalonians.

Hope and stamina go hand in hand.

I Thessalonians 3:8 – "for" – represents reason "now we live" – not just exist but it is a new lease on life. This is continuing abiding reality.

"if" - for

"ye" – emphatic tense

"stand" - great stability, firmly

"in the Lord" – this makes it possible to live

You must take actions on what you know. You can't just sit around and expect things to get done without your participation.

Steeko – stand fast – that which is in a solid or settled position represents commitment and service. "Stand fast in the Lord" only occurs two times in the New Testament.

I Corinthians 16:13 – stand fast in the faith

Galatians 5:1 – stand fast in liberty

The hope will not be entangled again.

Philippians 1:27 – stand fast in one spirit. (Remember that we are all going in the same direction)

Never underestimate the power of your influence.

II Thessalonians 2:15 – stand fast in the traditions of the Word that you have been taught.

The hope keeps you committed.

I Corinthians 1:27,28 – Glory in God not in yourself.

Jeremiah 9:23,24 – Glory in understanding and knowing God.

- Ephesians 5:8 You are children of the light, walk like it! Stop wallowing in your own vomit.
 - 6:10 Be strong in the Lord. In Ephesians God is training us to go back into the darkness not to be a part of it but to shed light into it.

Philippians 1:14 – Here the "brethren" have reentered the darkness and are shedding light by speaking the Word.

I Thessalonians 5:12 – Must demand our new lease on life by standing fast in the Lord.

By standing fast in the Lord you have:

- 1. Knowledge of the hope
- 2. Stand fast
- 3. Endurance to become your dream of being a true hero. (a Doulos for the Lord)

"Life is to be lived not to exist." Jack London