

Steadfast

Firm and dependable - loyal



Steadfast isn't a word that usually is associated with marriage. Yet, like the castle, marriage is meant to stand strong and protect those inside. There should be a dependability; a loyalty within a marriage. Being steadfast means that I am going to be firm in my commitment to my marriage, dependable and loyal to my spouse. There is a richness to this word when it comes to marriage and it has a broad application. Paul wrote; "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:58) That is how we are to be in our marriages.

Marriage isn't easy; it is difficult living life and building a strong relationship with someone so different. We are pulled many different directions with career, children, family, church, but through it all, we must be *steadfast* in our commitment to our spouse. *Immovable*, as Paul wrote - we made a covenant before God and man when we said our wedding vows and we are to stand firm in that commitment. Our spouse must be able to depend on us - depend that we are committed to the marriage - that we are committed to making the marriage work. Steadfast means that we are loyal to our spouse - that he or she comes before children, extended family, work, friends, social media; even ministry. Not that we can neglect those things, but that our spouse knows that they are first and that our devotion and our commitment is to them. We are to do the things required to *protect* our marriage - to ensure that it stands against the storms that *will* come in our lives.

Friends, are you *steadfast* in your marriage? Do you stand firm in your commitment to your spouse? Are you dependable and loyal to your spouse and to your marriage? Don't ever think you and your marriage cannot fall! Like Paul's admonition to the Corinthians, we must always be abounding in the work of keeping our marriage strong - spending the time to connect with our spouse, meet his or her needs; working together to meet the challenges we will face in life. Be *steadfast* - firm and dependable in *your* marriage.

Helpful Resources: *Fortified Marriages Resource page:* www.fortifiedmarriages.com

Articles to check out: *What is being steadfast?* by Bob & Audrey Meisner - lovemarriedlife.com

Steadfast Love in Marriage by Steve and Cindy Wright - Marriage Missions Intl