

Winners Never Quit!

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Galatians 6:7-10

And let us not grow weary while doing good...

- Gal. 6:9 "...for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."
- Growing weary in doing good threatens Christian service and Christian faith.
- We lose if we give up on doing good short of the finish line.
- What can we do to “keep on keeping on” and not give up before we reach our reward?

Warning Signs of Growing Faint

- **Failure to “Always Pray”** – Lk. 18:1 – The Lord Jesus prescribed fervent prayer for not growing faint, or losing heart.
- Rom. 12:12 “continuing instant in prayer”; Eph. 6:18 “praying always”; 1 Thess. 5:17 “pray without ceasing”; 1 Tim. 2:8 “I will therefore that men pray everywhere”
- **Waning Interest** – Gal 6:9 – Lack of doing good causes faintness of heart! Compare Rom. 2:7.
- **Minimal Participation** – Heb. 10:24-25 – We NEED to be STIRRED UP to love and good works!
- Are “idle hands the devil's workshop”?

Causes of Growing Faint

- Mat. 13:20-21 – Tribulation or persecution because of the word causes the weak to stumble. Also Acts 14:22; Rom. 5:3.
- 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 3:15 – Lack of diligence.
- Heb. 5:14; 12:1-4 – Lack of exercise.
- 2 Thess. 2:12; 2 Pet. 2:13 – Fondness of sin.
- Lk. 23:40; Mat. 10:28 – Inadequate fear of God.
- 2 Thess. 3:11 – Lack of involvement.

Christian Strength Training

- 2 Cor 4:1, 16 – Paul said “we do not lose heart” twice – What was his source of strength?
- 2 Cor. 4:1 – Reflecting on the “mercy” received.
- 2 Cor. 4:2-4 – Renouncing evil and striving for a clean conscience.
- 2 Cor. 4:5-7 – Focus on glorifying Christ, and not on glorifying self.
- 2 Cor. 4:8-12 – Not allowing troubles to cause distress or despair.
- 2 Cor. 4:13 – Believing what is written, and speaking like we believe it!
- 2 Cor. 4:14 – Confidence in the resurrection.
- 2 Cor. 4:15-16 – Focusing on service to others! Also Phil. 4:8.
- 2 Cor. 4:17 – Not letting “light affliction” rob us of “a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory”
- 2 Cor. 4:18 – Focusing on the unseen things of eternity. Also Col. 3:1-3.

Decision...

- Many things conspire to make us grow weary and lose heart.
- But Christ has provided more powerful heavenly things to strengthen and encourage us, if we want them!
- 2 Cor. 6:2 “For He says: "IN AN ACCEPTABLE TIME I HAVE HEARD YOU, AND IN THE DAY OF SALVATION I HAVE HELPED YOU." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”
- Remember, WINNERS never quit, and losers NEVER win.