

Growing Weary

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INTRODUCTION: Gal 6:7-10

- A. Context of spiritual good in teaching the truth and restoring the fallen brother. Vs 1-6. V 9, “*And let us not grow weary while doing good...*”
- B. We live in a world that seems bent on defying God and godly living.
 - 1. Denominations seek to gratify the fleshly man more than the spiritual man.
 - 2. Many churches of Christ try to compete with denominations. Sample: “Trunk or Treat”, First Baptist Church Fall Festival...will include carnival games, bouncy houses, food trucks, pumpkin painting, hayrides, and Trunk or Treat. First United Methodist, South Seminole Baptist, and West Side Church of Christ, Trunk or Treat, 5:30-7 p.m.”¹
 - 3. Being in the minority by following sound doctrine among our circle of religious peers, we can find ourselves growing weary in taking a stand “*for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.*” Jude 3.
- C. All mankind has the freedom to choose which spiritual direction it will go. V 8. The church is designed for the “spiritual man”, not the “physical”.
- D. Christians are created for good works as God defines them. Eph 2:10
- E. Frequent exhortation found in Titus 1:16, 2:14, 3:1, 8
- F. The scriptures encourage us to not grow weary. 2 Th 3:13, Heb 12:1-3

I. Reasons for not growing weary.

- A. *Reap what we sow*—two types of harvests. *Heaven-* for sowing good; *Hell-* for sowing to the flesh or not sowing at all. No one can live the life of the wicked and die righteously.
- B. *To glorify God.* through obedience, Matt 5:16
- C. *To make the church grow*, spiritually and numerically. Cannot influence others to obey the gospel if we grow weary in obeying the gospel.
- D. *To secure our own salvation.* Phil 2:12

II. Causes of weariness in doing good. Understanding these helps overcome quitting.

- A. *Conflict with the ungodly world.* Some get tired of the conflict with this world and they give up and give in. Remember, someone will win, and we are a body of “someones”.
- B. *Ingratitude of those we serve.* Luke 17:11-19
- C. *Indifference of others who should be serving.* If you are the only one serving God—serve.
- D. *Size and nature of the tasks to be done.* Most problems tend to be bigger in our minds than in reality and we discover they are smaller when we jump in and start working with them.
- E. *Opposition to plans to do the Lord’s work.*
- F. *Fatigue.* Burnout: Burden carried by a few. Someone has observed that 90% of the church work is done by 10% of the people. Whether true or not, the evidence sometimes shows it. Because of the heavy demand on the 10%, some of them quit, and they are the strength of the church.
- G. *Failure to see results.* IT IS NEVER A WASTE OF TIME TO DO GOOD! Our reward will come at the end of the harvest, the end of time.
 - 1. Reward comes at the end. Matt 13:39, Luke 14:14, Jas 5:7.

¹ “Seminole will trick or treat on Halloween, Oct. 31”, *Seminole Sentinel*, Wed., October 20, 2021, Seminole, TX, pgs 1, 6.

2. We live in a hardened age and results come slowly. Ezek 2:2-8, 3:5-9
3. Our responsibility is to plant and water. God gives the increase. 1 Cor 3:5-17, 4:2

III. Remedy for weariness in doing good.

- A. *Pray.* Ask for forgiveness for quitting. Resolve to quit “quitting”. Ask for strength against the temptation to quit.
- B. *Study the Bible.* It teaches patience, Rom 15:4. Patience and Bible understanding work hand in hand.
- C. *Brotherly encouragement,* Heb 10:24-25, Discouragement is lessened when with good brethren not away from them. Failing to assemble takes one away from what God designed to help us overcome weariness. Seek Christian friendship, especially in times of weariness.
- D. *Trust in God’s promises.* Accept and believe that God knows what is going on. Continue doing your best and He will take care of the rest. 1 Pet 5:5-7

CONCLUSION: 1 Cor 15:58, Gal 6:9, “*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*”