

Never Give Up!

Galatians 6:9

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And let us not grow weary of doing good

Probably the worst enemy of enthusiasm is time. Human beings have a remarkable and sad capacity for getting tired of wonderful things. Almost every one of you can think of something you were enthusiastic about recently but now the joy is faded.

On your first day of vacation on the coast the sunset was breathtaking But by the end of your stay you hardly noticed it any more. Vacationers get tired of sunsets . . . kids gets tired of toys, and Christians get tired of doing good.

At first the excitement of teaching that Sunday School class was strong, but now you have grown weary of well-doing. The thrill is gone.

At first you felt clean and strong in the Holy Spirit as you drove the van . . . , visited the newcomers, started reading the Bible, worked in the emergency shelter..., but now you have grown weary in well-doing. The inner power and joy have seeped away. It's a chore. You've lost heart.

- John Piper

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- A. Paul assures us that God rewards faithfulness:
for in due season we will reap [a harvest].

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him. (1 Cor.2:9)

B. The Reward is conditioned on our continuing
in faithfulness:
if we do not give up.

Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work.

They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and left. . . . He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. (Acts 15:37-41, NIV)

Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. (2 Tim.4:11b)

They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us (1 Jn. 2:19).

Jesus: *he who stands firm to the end will be saved*
(Mt.24:13).

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Phil.1:6)