

## Never Lose Heart!

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How many causes have been lost because men lose heart! Someone has said, "There are no hopeless situations, only situations about which men have grown hopeless."

The most pressing need of each of us is to be able to face life **without losing heart**. Sometimes the need is more intensely felt than at other times. We need a steadying inner strength to enable us to stand up to life in an upset world.

In the heat of battle that offered much to discourage lesser souls, Paul's morale was high. Like Moses, he "*endured as seeing him who is invisible.*" In **2 Corinthians 4:12**, he used the expression, "*we do not lose heart.*" He was thinking of his ministry and how he did not give up even though there were some who rejected his message. His admonition to us in **Galatians 6:9** is "*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*"

**What kept Paul from losing heart?** The glorious reward that would come. It was his faith in the invisible that sustained him. Faith is that which makes the unseen real to us. When we live in such confidence each day we will be able to face whatever may come in life with steadfastness of heart. We will be able to exhibit in our lives the wisdom found in the words of one who wrote, "Courage for the great sorrows of life, and patience for the small ones, and then, when you have accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace, knowing that God is still awake."

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