

Don't Grow Weary!

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The winter season is a time of depression and sadness for many. Daylight hours are greatly declined and we know sunshine lifts the heart. Cold, dreary days are often the rule rather than the exception. Our bodies become lethargic, and our minds may quickly follow suit. It is not surprising then that Winter, a season of death in nature, causes such difficulty in life.

So it is appropriate to remind each of us, as Christians, not to grow weary in your lives as Christians! Paul wrote "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Gal. 6:9). The Hebrew writer exhorted us not to forsake the assemblies of the saints "as the manner of some is" (Heb. 10:25). These things would not have been written if they were not a danger! "But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good" (2 Thess. 3:13).

If you go back and check the context of the three passages just quoted, then you will learn something interesting: every time the context suggests that the discouragement is caused by someone else not doing their job! So do not think that your example, brethren, means nothing! Every one of us is either encouraged or discouraged by the thoughts and actions of others.

So How Do I Overcome It?

First, be sure that you do not have a physical issue that might contribute to the problem. Sometimes we are affected by our physical health and need to see if there is a matter that needs to be addressed.

Second, know that Jesus Christ cares for you all the time. "But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd" (Matt. 9:36). Jesus is our Great Shepherd today and He cares just as much now, and He sees your need as He did while He was on earth. Take comfort in that and cast all your cares upon Him for He cares for you.

Third, know Jesus endured and overcame, Heb. 12:3. "For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls." This world is hostile to Christ and His followers, but with faith, love and hope you can overcome, just as Jesus did! Learn from these situations; trust and obey!

Fourth, be patient. "For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:" (Heb. 10:36). Life is a test, and you can pass it!

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