

Be Not Weary in Well Doing

Int.

1. Aim: To show that we must continue in well doing if we are going to make it to heaven.
2. Gal. 6:9 **"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."**
 - a. This was written to the churches in Galatia
 - b. They were accustomed to persecutions and opposition
 - c. But they still needed encouragement to keep on keeping on in living the Christian life.
3. Sowing for the spirit is hard work
 - a. While we are waiting for the eternal harvest we may grow discouraged.
 - b. Therefore we need exhortation just like the churches of Galatia
 - c. This message is needed for all of us today.

Discussion

I. THE EXHORTATION ISN'T "BE NOT WEARY" PHYSICALLY

- A. He was not talking about Being Weary physically because even Jesus was sometimes weary in his body
 1. John 4:6 **"Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with [his] journey, sat thus on the well: [and] it was about the sixth hour."**
 - a. The disciples went into the village to buy food,
 - b. Wearied = to feel fatigue
 - c. While the disciples were gone the Samaritan woman came and though Jesus was weary, he was not too tired to teach her.

2. Mk. 6:31 " **And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.**"
3. Paul also was weary physically:
 - a. 2 COR 11:27 " **In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.**"
 - b. Paul must have been weary in the Philippian jail but he was not too tired to teach the jailer at midnight.
4. This verse in Gal. 6:9 is talking about being weary spiritually

B. The Word Weary means:

1. **English Word** = "Worn out in strength, endurance, vigor, or freshness -- having one's patience, tolerance, or pleasure exhausted." Web.p. 1010
2. **Greek Word** = To be weak, to fail in heart, faint, to lack courage, lose heart, fainthearted, cowardly
 - a. Despondent - weary means to be despondent in a religious sense.
 - b. Jonah 4:8 - The condition of Jonah is one of Soul rather than the body
 - c. 1 Thes. 5:14 asv " **encourage the fainthearted**" = puny, short, short of breath, small
3. Illustration: Discouragement: one of the tools of the Devil

C. The verse in Gal 6:9 says be not weary in well doing !!

II. THIS PASSAGE IS AN EXHORTATION TO WELL DOING

A. Well Doing

1. In the verses just before he was talking about sowing to the spirit or the flesh - Gal. 5 - Well doing would be sowing to the Spirit
2. In the fifth Chapter Paul contrasted the flesh and the spirit
3. The fruit of the spirit included: "**love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.**" Gal. 5:22-23
4. Well doing == would mean doing all these things as a child of God or a Christian.

B. Similar to 2 Thes. 3:13 "**But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.**"

1. But here in Galatians Paul includes himself, for he knows that he is not immune to discouragement
2. Christians sometimes become weary

C. Why do we get weary?

1. We see the unrighteous prosper.

- a. We practice Self - denial
- b. And while seeing others enjoying the pleasures of sin is often hard to endure.
Gets discouraging

2. Criticism

- a. Sometimes others will find fault may cause us to get tired of doing good.
- b. Critics can find something wrong with the way we do good and the amount of good we do, and the spirit in which we do it. It can cause us to be discouraged and quit.

3. Lack of appreciation

- a. When we do good and the ones we serve do not seem to appreciate it
- b. We serve faithfully and not one seems to care or appreciate what we are doing
 - no thanks, no gratitude !
- c. Can cause us to grow weary of well doing.

4. Some get discouraged because they think they are bearing more than their share of the load.¹

- a. Other members do not give liberally and instead spend it upon luxuries and things for themselves
- b. We may give sacrificially and deny ourselves such pleasures and luxuries
- c. We give of our time and others do not help at all.

III. WE SHALL REAP IN DUE TIME

- A. Reaping a harvest takes time
 - 1. The farmer does not begin to gather his crop the day after he has sown the field
 - 2. Time is required for the crop to grow and mature
 - 3. A person who sows to righteousness does not reap a harvest immediately --- This delay may be the cause for some to stop "well doing"
 - 4. Nor does a person who sows to the flesh reap a full harvest of corruption immediately.
 - 5. Remember we are laying up our treasures in heaven and they are worth more than all the treasures that this earth can hold.

¹ A.L.C. 9/25/55 P.256

- B. Many crops look good at one time but fail to mature
1. Drought, hail, or insects may destroy them before time for maturity.
 2. Many church members would be saved if they died at a certain time - early in their life.
 3. We must endure to the end. MARK 13:13. **"And ye shall be hated of all [men] for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."**
 4. Eph. 4:12-16
- C. In due time "proper time" NIV
1. This is God's appointed time - at the day of judgment - then we shall receive the full reward promised
 - a. John 5:28 - 29 **"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29. And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."**
 - b. The ones who have done good = resurrection of life
 2. We will reap what we have sown - Gal. 6:7 **"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."**
 3. We shall reap in proportion to what we have sown -- 2 Cor. 9:6 **"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."**
 4. In due season we shall enjoy the harvest of our spiritual sowing - eternal life.
 5. 1 Pet. 5:6 "due time" Same word used in Gal. 6:9

IV. IF WE FAINT NOT

- A. If we do not give out
1. If we do not faint
 2. Or grow lax in the struggle against the flesh and for the walk by the spirit
 3. Luke 18:1 -- do not lose heart **"And he spake a parable unto them [to this end], that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;"**
 4. Lose heart - contains the idea of fatigue. Reapers of a crop get tired and must not lose heart of they will not compete the harvest.
 5. Many start well but tire sooner or later, especially when the going gets rough. Get discouraged.
 6. Faint = here it means to give up and quit making any further efforts to do good -- faint hearted
- B. Heb 12:3 **"For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."**
1. Faint = melt, dissolve, break up, put off
 2. Heb. 12:5 **"And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:"**
- C. 2 Cor. 4:16 - see context **"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."**

Conclusion

1. There is a necessary delay in reaping
 - a. It takes time
 - b. Don't get discouraged - weary
 - c. Reaping is certain
 - d. Illustration - Discouragement "Don't Quit"
2. Happiness comes as a by-product of making other people happy. Courage or strength comes as a by-product of working for the Lord.
3. Gal. 6:10 "As **we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.**"
4. Reaping means to gain eternal life
5. A child of God can faint and give up and quit doing good. Therefore he could be lost.
6. Paul is pointing to a coming harvest
 - a. When that day of judgment arrives we will wonder why we ever thought of getting weary and tired and fainting along the way
 - b. Heaven will surely be worth it all
 - c. Heaven holds all to me.
7. Rev. 2:3 -- hast not fainted = to tire, sick, be wearied8. Ps. 31:24 "Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord."
8. 2 Chron 15:7 "**Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.**"
9. Gal. 6:9 "**And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.**"

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