

Fellowship and don't grow weary

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Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:6-10, KJV

We are a small church with many troubles. Pastor has been sick. Phil is suffering and unable to walk. We have had some people leave in a bad way. Attendance is low at many things. If we look at these things we will grow tired. It is human nature to get wearied with the little things of life and to say with Job's wife in Job 2:9, Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. Why continue when times are tough? Just give in! Job correctly answers, and lets us see what God thinks of this advice in the next verse (Job 2:10): But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips. If getting wearied and giving up is against God's will, what can we do to keep from getting worn out?

Let's look at the text we have for today, Galatians 6:6-10. In this passage I see five general principles that help us to walk without growing weary:

1. teaching
2. fellowship
3. action
4. Spirit
5. reward

Let us look at each in context.

1 Teaching

Look at verse 6. The command is given to those who are taught the Word about those who teach to them. There is an underlying assumption in the text, that you are being taught and that God has

brought mature believers into your lives to strengthen you in the Word. Note that this is not just speaking of pastors, Sunday school teachers, and disciplers (though it certainly applies to them). It is speaking of all who bring the truth of scripture to us, from the first person God used to the latest one who brings even the smallest exhortation. All of us are called to speak the word to each other.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Colossians 3:16, KJV.

But does this keep us from growing weary? Consider 2 Corinthians 4:1:

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

2 Corinthians 4:1, KJV.

What ministry? Look at the verses before. They speak of reading Moses (Genesis through Deuteronomy), of veils removed (the word being rightly understood and believed), of the action of the Spirit (in changing lives). Look at the verse after, which speaks of leaving dishonesty and deceit to go to the manifestation of truth. These speak of God's truth through His Word. It changes hearts, it frees minds, it does not deceive.

But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every mans conscience in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 3:15-4:2, KJV.

2 Fellowship

Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Romans 12:13, KJV.

3 Action

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Lu 18:1

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1Co 15:58

4 Spirit

It is not our might or strength that ensures that we will accomplish the task. God reminded Zerubbabel of this in Zechariah 4. One that strikes me even stronger though is in Isaiah.

To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth. Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God? Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:25-31, KJV

Note that we still run and walk, for he gives power.
We are being renewed by the spirit and so we don't faint.

So then death worketh in us, but life in you. We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4:12-16, KJV.

5 Reward

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Hebrews 10:35-39, KJV.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the

shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Hebrews 12:1-3, KJV

Ro 2:7* To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: 1Pe 2:15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: 1Pe 3:17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. 1Pe 4:19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator. Mt 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. Lu 18:1* And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; 2Co 4:1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2Co 4:16* For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.