

Don't Grow Weary
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Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:9-10

It's tempting to grow weary when the ground is hard, and tilling the soil is laborious. It's tempting to grow weary in the heat of the season and the weeds are flourishing. It is tempting to grow weary when the rains don't come, and it seems like growth has grounded to a halt. So why keep working in the garden? For the joy of the harvest! It's that vision of the fresh fruits and vegetables that we and others will enjoy at our tables which keeps us motivated and working when it's tempting to grow weary.

And those are just fruits and vegetables...in service to Jesus, it can be tempting to grow weary...when the pews in His house aren't filled, or even close...when the answer to prayers is a firm "no"...when the hard work of speaking the truth in love and even the work of kindness towards one's neighbor is met with indifference or even hostility, even if that neighbor belongs to the household of faith! So why keep doing good? For the joyful harvest! Only this harvest is the gift of eternal life for others as our good is connected to a faithful witness of Jesus' love and the good He has done in His death and resurrection!

Lord Jesus, let us take Your word to heart and not grow weary. Give us a renewed heart to do good to all, especially those who are of the household of faith, in view of the harvest of eternal life. Amen