

## Be Not Weary in Well Doing

Galatians 6:9

### I. INTRODUCTION: I

I. **2** Being a child of God is not always a “bed of roses.”

A. David had his moments when serving God got him down:

- (1) On one occasion the Amalekites burned the city in which David lived; they captured David’s sons, daughters and wives and the sons, daughters and wives of his men.
- (2) The text says: **1 Sam. 30:4**: “*Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep.*”
- (3) David’s people became so upset that his “*people spoke of stoning him*” (1 Sam. 30:5) “*because the soul of all the people was grieved*” (1 Sam. 30:6).
- (4) How would you react? God’s book said “*David was greatly distressed*” (1 Sam. 30:5).
- (5) I don’t know if David is speaking about this specific incident, but he once wrote: **Psa. 55:4-5**: “*My heart is severely pained within me, and the terrors of death have fallen upon me. 5 Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me, and horror has overwhelmed me.*”

B. Paul too had his moments when serving God got him down:

- (1) Think about Paul: He is an apostle! He had the privilege of seeing the Lord in a miraculous vision! He was baptized into the Holy Spirit (e.g., Jn. 16:13). He was a chosen vessel to take the gospel to the world! Surely his life was a “bed of roses”?
- (2) Not so! **2 Cor. 1:8**: “*For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life.*”
- (3) Paul was referring to the persecution he suffered in Ephesus in Acts 19.
  - (a) Initially he experienced great success in preaching the gospel.
  - (b) He converted a dozen of John the Baptist’s disciples (Acts 19:1-7).
  - (c) He “*spoke boldly for three months*” in the synagogue and then moved his preaching to the “*school of Tyrannus*” “*for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus*” (Acts 19:8-10).
  - (d) He “*worked unusual miracles,*” cured diseases and cast out “*evil spirits*” (Acts 19:11-12).
  - (e) He “*became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.*” (Acts 19:17)
  - (f) He had such a positive effect on Ephesus that they sold their “*magic...books*” for “*fifty thousand pieces of silver*” (NKJV says they were worth \$364,000; Acts 19:19).
  - (g) But trouble came from “*Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana*” (Acts 19:24) and Paul had to leave town!
  - (h) Surely we can understand why Paul said he “*despaired even of life*” (2 Cor. 1:8).

2. It should be obvious that God’s people can and do become weary in well doing; David did, Paul did.

A. So this is something we all have to deal with from time-to-time.

B. When we become weary in well doing we are in danger of “throwing in the towel” and quitting; our souls are in danger of being lost!

- C. When we become weary in well doing the work of the Lord suffers because the fire of our zeal is dampened and our enthusiasm for the work of the Lord suffers (**1 Cor. 15:58**: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”).
3. **3** This is why God tells us: **Gal. 6:9**: “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”
4. Let’s look at some reasons why we become weary in well doing so we can be on guard and not give in to the temptation to give up.

## II. DISCUSSION:

### We may become weary in well doing due to...

#### I. **4** A lack of faith:

- A. The Hebrew Christians were in danger of losing their faith: **Heb. 10:32-39**
- B. It is no wonder then of the constant admonitions in the Scriptures for us to build up our faith:  
**2 Pet. 1:5-11**: “...giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”  
**2 Pet. 3:17-18**: “You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”
- C. We must jealously guard our faith, because “faith” is what “it is all about”!  
**Heb. 11:6**: “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”  
**1 Pet. 1:5**: “who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”  
**1 Pet. 1:9**: “receiving the end of your faith — the salvation of your souls.”
- D. With faith being so important you would think it must be some mysterious thing that comes to us in a supernatural way (explain denominational concept of faith; fairy dust); but not so, our faith is simply based upon the Word of God (Rom. 10:17).
- (1) Faith is based on the knowledge of God’s word:  
**2 Pet. 1:2-4**: “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”
- (2) Therefore, when our faith grows weak we shouldn’t bumble and stumble around wondering how we are going to regain our faith; we simply need to get back to God’s book!  
**Psa. 119:25**: “Revive me according to Your word.”

**Psa. 119:50:** “For Your word has given me life.”

**Psa. 119:154:** “Revive me according to Your word.”

- E. For over 30 years I worked with dairy farmers.
- (1) Most of the time I was working with farmers trying to help them overcome some problem that was causing their business to be unprofitable.
  - (2) Invariably the solution to the problem always meant going back to the “basics” (nutrition, health, management practices).
  - (3) Those that overcame and achieved success were willing to go back and do the “basics.”
  - (4) However, those that never found success refused to go back to the “basics”; they were always looking for what I called the “magic bullet” (explain).
- F. Over the years I have seen many Christians falter in their faith; only those that went back and immersed themselves in studying God’s book made it back; it’s going back to the “basics”!
- G. We live in a dangerous world; there are a lot of ways we can lose our faith, so we must be constantly on guard:
- (1) We are warned about having an “evil heart of unbelief”: **Heb. 3:12-15:** “Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,”
  - (2) We are warned about making shipwreck of our faith (carried away by false doctrine; 1 Tim. 1:19).
  - (3) One can “depart from the faith” (again carried away by false doctrine; preachers! 1 Tim. 4:1).
  - (4) One can “deny the faith” (by not doing something we are supposed to do; 1 Tim. 5:8).
  - (5) One can have a faith that does not work (spiritual laziness; **Jas. 2:17:** “Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”).
  - (6) One can have little faith (e.g., Peter walking on the water; Matt. 14:28-31; “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”).
- H. We need to remember that our salvation is totally dependent upon us remaining faithful:
- Col. 1:21-23:** “...He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight — 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel...”
- I. We need to be strong in faith:
- 1 Tim. 6:12:** “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life,”
- 1 Cor. 16:13:** “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.”
- Heb. 10:35-36:** “Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:”

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### **2. 5 The failure of others:**

- A. Paul was confronted with the failure of others:
- (1) Phygelus and Hermogenes turned away from Paul when he preached in Asia (2 Tim. 1:15).

- (2) Demas forsook him “*having loved this present world*” (2 Tim. 4:10).
- (3) Paul and Barnabas had a contention over John Mark on the second journey, because he quit midway through the first journey (Acts 15:37-40).
- (4) At Paul’s first defense before Caesar’s court all of his associates deserted him (2 Tim. 4:16).
- (5) Despite all of this disappoint Paul stood fast:

**2 Tim. 4:17-18:** “*But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. 18 And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!*”

B. A long time ago I learned this lesson the hard way that, more often than you would like, men (some of our most trusted brethren!) will disappoint you (explain).

- (1) Explain the situation that led me to fall away for a time when I first became a Christian.
- (2) This doesn’t mean that we don’t trust one another as Christians!
- (3) However, we must always remember that the Lord is the only one who deserves our unqualified, unreserved trust!

**Psa. 9:10:** “*And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.*”

C. The brethren can sometimes fail us by:

- (1) Turning away their ears from the truth:

**2 Tim. 4:4:** “*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.*”

- (2) Allowing a root of bitterness to spring up:

**Heb. 12:15:** “*looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;*”

- (3) Developing an evil heart of unbelief:

**Heb. 3:13:** “*but exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*”

- (4) Becoming lukewarm (e.g., lax attendance, miss Bible classes, don’t give, generally unreliable):

**Eph. 4:16:** “*the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*”

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#### **3. 6 A lack of visible results:**

A. When Paul left Athens on his second journey he traveled all by himself to Corinth (Acts 18:1).

- (1) Think about it: Here is an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit and he is all alone in one of the most decadent cities on earth.
- (2) Once in Corinth Paul makes contact with Aquila and his wife Priscilla (Acts 18:2).
- (3) Paul doesn’t even have outside support, he (along with Aquila and Priscilla) must fall back on their profession as tentmakers to support themselves (Acts 18:3).

- (4) Paul “reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks” (18:4).
  - (5) But the Jews rose up in opposition to Paul preaching the gospel, so he abandoned the synagogue and began preaching in the house “of a certain man named Justus” (Acts 18:7).
  - (6) Paul “continued there a year and six months teaching the word of God” (Acts 18:11), despite the lack of much visible results.
- B. Unfortunately, a great many of the brethren are impressed by numbers.
- (1) In research for my lesson on church history I ran into a sect that originated in the Lord’s church in the 1960’s and 1970’s ultimately called the *International Church of Christ*’
  - (2) Their website is chock full of statistics; i.e., number of conversions, congregations, etc.
- C. I’m all for numbers in the sense that “God...desires all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:3-4).
- D. However, it is not our duty to worry about numbers but rather to sow the seed of the kingdom and rely on God to give “the increase” (1 Cor. 3:6); the gospel will do its job if we do ours!
- E. God’s word is always effective regardless of our judgment of the “visible results”! (**Isa. 55:11**: “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”).
- (1) We need to remember that our “success,” or lack thereof, is not measured with numbers!
  - (2) I preached for ~20 years in Michigan and less than a dozen people obeyed the gospel as a result of those efforts.
  - (3) However, that community had the opportunity to hear the pure gospel of Christ! Rom. 1:16-17 (gospel meetings, inserts in newspaper, articles in newspaper, invitations to gospel meetings, Home Bible studies, etc.) I’m convinced that God’s word did not return to Him “void”!
  - (4) I don’t say this to be mean or vindictive, but they had their chance! **Matt. 11:21**: “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.”
  - (5) Let us develop a deep love for the souls of men, live as lights in the world and take every opportunity offered to teach others the gospel and rely on God to give the increase AND not be striving for numbers!

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#### **4. Constant temptations:**

- A. Satan never takes a day off! 1 Pet. 5:8; **Lk. 4:13**: “Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.”
- (1) Satan knows exactly what buttons to push on me and on you!
  - (2) Our “buttons” may differ, but Satan knows the best way to get to you and to me!
  - (3) Therefore, we need to keep our guard up and not be “ignorant of his devices” (2 Cor. 2:11).
- B. We need to take heart from the example of Christ:

**Heb. 2:14-18**: “Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. 17 Therefore, in all

things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.”

**Heb. 4:15-16:** “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

C. We not only have the example and advocacy of Jesus Christ on our side, we also have this great and grand promise from our heavenly Father; **take ahold of it!**

**1 Cor. 10:13:** “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

D. **8** Therefore, let us be faithful by:

(1) Keeping our hearts in the right place: **Prov. 4:23:** “Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.”

(2) Crucifying the flesh: **Gal. 5:24:** “And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

(3) Practicing pure and undefiled religion: **Jas. 1:27:** “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”

(4) Purifying ourselves: **1 Jn. 3:2-3:** “Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”

(5) Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts: **Titus 2:11-12:** “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,”

(6) Not flirting with sin:

**1 Cor. 6:18:** “Flee fornication!”

**2 Tim. 2:22:** “Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

**Rom. 13:11-14:** “And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”

(7) Perfecting holiness: **2 Cor. 7:1:** “Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

(8) Answering Satan with Scripture: recall Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness...Matt. 4:1-11

**v. 4:** “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”

**v. 7:** “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’”

**v. 10:** “Away with you Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”

- (a) Do you think it was just a coincidence that Jesus faced each temptation with Scripture?!
- (b) Whatever sin so easily besets us, let us go to God's word for help! I Cor. 9:24-27;  
**Prov. 16:32:** *"He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city."*

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5. **9** Problems in the church:

- A. It is no secret when there is trouble in the church it challenges everyone's faith (recall my past).
- B. The church in the first century had the apostles and spiritual gifts, but they still had problems!
  - (1) The church at Jerusalem had problems:
    - (a) Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11),
    - (b) The Grecians murmured against the Hebrews (Acts 6:1-4).
  - (2) The church at Corinth had problems:
    - (a) Division (I Cor. 3:3),
    - (b) Fornication (I Cor. 5:1-7),
    - (c) Lawsuits against brethren (I Cor. 6),
    - (d) Abuses of the Lord's supper (I Cor. 11).
  - (3) The church at Antioch and the churches of Galatia had problems with Judaizing teachers (Acts 15; Gal. 1:6-9).
- C. When Paul describes all of the trials, tribulations and persecutions he went through for the Lord, do you remember what was last (and probably top!) on his list?  
**2 Cor. 11:28:** *"besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches."*
- D. Think of all the mental anguish Paul must have had for all of the congregations he established!
- E. In the course of over 40 years as a Christian I have been involved with several congregations that had major problems erupt.
  - (1) First, when trouble comes don't despair; church problems are not uncommon, nor are they without a purpose; recall what Paul said, *"There must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you."* (I Cor. 11:19)
  - (2) We must simply side with the Lord, love the souls of the brethren regardless of their sin and behavior (I've been called a "Diotrephese," and it's not pleasant!) and be determined to do God's will in all things! Matt. 7:24-27

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6. **10** Considering the cost too high:

- A. Jesus never promised us a "rose garden"!

**Matt. 10:34-39:** *"Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; 36 and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.' 37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 And he who does not take his cross and follow*

after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.”

(1) Jesus promised persecution: **2 Tim. 3:12:** “Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.”

(2) That’s why Jesus taught us to count the cost:

**Lk. 14:28-33:** “For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it — 29 lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. 33 So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.”

B. But, the reward is more than worth the sacrifice! Jesus told his disciples of the great reward:

**Mk. 10:28-31:** “Then Peter began to say to Him, ‘See, we have left all and followed You.’ 29 So Jesus answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, 30 who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time — houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions — and in the age to come, eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.’”

C. We must not take our eyes off the prize!

**Heb. 12:1-4:** “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 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 has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. 4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.”

**1 Pet. 1:3-9:** “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith — the salvation of your souls.”

D. We must keep things in perspective:

**2 Cor. 4:16-5:1:** “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

**5:1:** “For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”

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7. **II** Being shamed for following the truth:

- A. Have you ever been criticized for believing and practicing the truth?
- (1) “You ‘church of Christers’ think you’re the only ones going to heaven! Pharisee!”
  - (2) “One church?! Why there are Christians in every denomination!”
  - (3) “Baptized to be saved! No way! Just ‘accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior!’”
  - (4) “No instrumental music! Wow! You are so narrow-minded! You are such a legalist!”
- B. You will find as you strive to live the Christian life that you will encounter many people claiming to be “Christians” (even members of the Lord’s church) that will do their very best to put you on a guilt trip because you follow the truth of the Scriptures!
- C. They will deny such basic doctrines as:
- (1) The necessity of baptism (Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:26-27; 1 Pet. 3:21).
  - (2) The “oneness” of Christ’s church (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4).
  - (3) The exclusivity of salvation in Christ (Jn. 14:6).
  - (4) The necessity to have “book, chapter and verse” for all we believe and practice (1 Pet. 4:11; Col. 3:17).
- D. We live in the “postmodern” world; everyone is free to define their own “truth.”
- (1) However, we cannot give in! 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Pet. 4:11; Col. 3:17
  - (2) Very important to maintain a humble attitude and always steer people back to the Scriptures! *“For what saith the scripture?”* (Rom. 4:3)
- E. I have known, or heard of, many gospel preachers, elders, strong Christians who eventually caved and compromised the truth of the gospel...**BEWARE!** **1 Cor. 10:12:** *“Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.”*

**III. CONCLUSION: 12**

1. Remember Paul’s words:

**2 Thess. 3:13:** *“But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good.”*

**Gal 6:9:** *“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”*

2. We’ll never regret it! **Isa. 40:28-31**

*“The everlasting God, the LORD,  
The Creator of the ends of the earth,  
Neither faints nor is weary.  
His understanding is unsearchable.  
29 He gives power to the weak,  
And to those who have no might He increases  
strength.*

*30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary,  
And the young men shall utterly fall,  
31 But those who wait on the LORD  
Shall renew their strength;  
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
They shall run and not be weary,  
They shall walk and not faint.”*

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