

Don't Grow Weary

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As Christians we must show patience and be encouraging that we do not grow weary in well doing.



2 Thessalonians 3:10–15 ESV

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

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I. Do Not Lose Heart

A. because of suffering

Ephesians 3:13 *ESV*

So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

B. because of age

2 Corinthians 4:16 *ESV*

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

C. because of disgrace; difference; or difficulty

2 Corinthians 4:1–3 *ESV*

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

II. Do not Walk in Idleness

Proverbs 6:9–11 *ESV*

How long will you lie there, O sluggard?
When will you arise from your sleep?
A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest,
and poverty will come upon you like a robber,
and want like an armed man.

2 Thessalonians 3:7 *ESV*

For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you,

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Matthew 20:6 ESV

And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?'

III. Patience and Encouragement

Hebrews 6:11–12 ESV

And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 ESV

And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.

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God's Plan of Salvation

GOD'S PART

1. The great love of God for man ([John 3:16](#))
2. He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Saviour ([Luke 19:10](#))
3. Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide ([John 16:13](#))
4. Gave the Gospel as "the power" unto salvation ([Romans 1:16](#))
5. Provided atonement by the blood of Christ ([Romans 5:9](#))

MAN'S PART

1. Hear the Gospel. ([Romans 10:17](#), [John 8:32](#))
2. Believe the Gospel ([Hebrews 11:6](#), [John 20:31](#))
3. Repent of past sins ([Luke 13:3](#), [Acts 17:30](#))
4. Confess faith in Jesus Christ ([Romans 10:10](#), [Matthew 10:32](#))
5. Be Baptized ([Galatians 3:27](#), [Mark 16:16](#), [Acts 2:38](#))
6. Be faithful unto death ([Revelations 2:10](#))

Will you gladly accept His Word?