

THE PASTOR'S MINUTE

"Weariness: The Causes & The Cure" (Part II)

Weariness is an enemy to the Christian. When weariness begins to set in it chokes out your strength and courage. It destroys your patience and steals your joy. It causes you to become ineffective in your walk with the Lord. For these reasons, the Apostle Paul exhorts us to *"not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not"* (Galatians 6:9).



Last week we defined the word "weary" as meaning "to lack courage; to lose heart; to be fainthearted; to loose or release as a bowstring; to relax." Today, we will look at the cause of weariness. What is it that causes us to become fainthearted? If we can identify the cause, we should then be able to discover a cure. Let's take a look...

Cause #1—Losing Sight of the Big Picture: We begin to grow weary when we have no vision. Proverbs 29:18 says, *"Where there is no vision, people perish."* When all we see is our present circumstances, our present situation, our present crisis problems, we begin to grow weary. We then begin saying, "Things will never change"; "It's always been like this and it will never change." Maybe you're struggling with marriage problems or financial problems or hurts and pains of the past. If so, you need to understand that what you see with your eye is subject to change. It's what you see with your heart that is important. II Corinthians 4:18 says, *"While we look not at the things which are seen but at the things which are not seen (the big picture): For the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."* Don't lose sight of the "big picture!"

Cause #2—Expecting an Immediate Return of Investments: In Galatians 6:7-10, Paul is talking about the process of sowing and reaping. As he concludes this passage he reminds us *"not to grow weary in well doing..."* In other words, Paul is saying to us, "If you plant a seed today and expect the harvest to come in the morning, you are setting yourself up for discouragement." We do this when we say, "Well, I prayed about my problem one time and it didn't work"; "Well, I went to church one time a couple a months ago, and it just didn't do anything for me"; "We went to marriage counseling one time and it just didn't work for us." Do you get the point? What most people want is a "quick-fix" for their problems so they can continue living and doing what they want to, and when life doesn't work, they become weary. There are no quick-fixes available! But one thing is for sure... if you will plant and continue, in due season you will reap!

Cause #3—Thinking That Your Success Depends Entirely on You: When you begin to think your success is dependent solely on your own ability, you are well on your way to weariness. You see, there is nothing that can take the place of putting God first! Yes, we must do our part, but God is the only one that can do His part. Paul said that we must plant, but only God can give the increase. (I Corinthians 3:6). Just working on your problem is not enough. You must have God working with you.

See Ya Sunday,
Pastor Johnny

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Sunday School ~ 9:30 AM
(at 1400 South Broad Street)
Morning Worship ~ 10:45 AM
(at Cairo High School Auditorium)
Evening Worship ~ 6:00 PM
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