

*“But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.”* 2 Thess 3:13

*“And let us not be weary in well doing.”* Galatians 6:9

## 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3

LESSON 21

### BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING

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In the Bible, two different groups of believers got the same admonition: **“Be not weary in well doing.”**

**To the believers at THESSALONICA:** because many of them had put aside their earthly responsibilities to wait for the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus.

**To the believers at GALATIA:** because of their ever-present battle between the flesh and the spirit; because of their tendency to turn from the things of God to the things of the world.

Notice the importance of the wording: “Be not weary **IN** well doing.” The Bible doesn’t teach that you’ll grow tired **OF** doing things that are right. The Bible teaches that, as you **CONTINUE** to do what is right, you **WILL** grow weary.

- You will grow tired in the fight against the lust of the flesh, but the indwelling Holy Spirit **NEVER** grows tired of helping you **IN** that fight.
  - You will grow tired as you continue to do what is right for your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your church, etc., but your Savior will never get tired of helping you do right.
  - When life is good and problems are few, it’s easier to continue doing right. But when life’s problems and difficulties bring you down, you need to keep doing right. You’re going to need to lean on the Lord.
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#### **PRACTICAL WAYS THAT WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER TO NOT GROW WEARY IN WELL-DOING:**

- Show appreciation to others who labor for our benefit.
    - Wives: thank your husband for earning a salary and bringing it home.
    - Husbands: thank your wives for her hard labor and her care for you in the home.
    - Children: thank your parents for your food, clothes, home, etc.
    - Church members: show appreciation for those who labor in the church and volunteer to help. Thank those who are praying for you. Often they are praying even though they’re weary.
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**“In due season we shall reap.”**

- There are seasons in your life when you love reading the Bible, going to church, hearing the preaching of God’s Word, fellowshiping with God’s people, supporting missionaries, and witnessing to lost souls.
  - There are other seasons where you only do those things because you’re supposed to and because it’s right.
    - The Bible encourages you to keep doing those things even though you’re weary in it. It’s only a seasonal slump. Another season is coming and you’re going to love it again. Keep doing it and there will be a blessing and a reward.
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### Isaiah 40:28-31

1. The Lord doesn’t faint or get weary (vs. 28), but we do. We’d better not try to work for God INDEPENDENT of God. We’re going to fail that way. We need the Lord’s strength, faith, and power operating in our life in order to succeed.
  2. Even the youths shall faint and be weary (vs. 30). Young Christians might be tempted to boast about how much they are doing for the Lord, but the Lord says they still are not superman. They’ll get weary. They better be dependent upon the Lord and His never-failing power or they’ll quit. They shall “utterly fall.” They’ll hit a brick wall and burn out spiritually. But they can keep doing right if they trust the Lord.
  3. **“But they that wait upon the LORD shall RENEW their strength...”** (vs. 31). It doesn’t say that you’re waiting **“FOR”** the Lord to renew your strength. You are waiting **“UPON”** the Lord. You’ll get your strength back as you continue to serve God. Keep reading the Bible, keep going to church, keep giving to missions, keep serving others, keep working! You’ll get your thrill back for godly things.
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### Hebrews 12:1-3

1. Jesus Christ is the example **“set before us.”** His life on earth was full of heartaches, challenges, difficulties, and disappointments. He didn’t quit because He knew there would be joy in the end; He knew it would all be worth it.
  2. We are to **“consider him”** and all that he **“endured”** to help us not **“be wearied”** and faint in our minds (vs. 3). We will quit when we stop thinking about Jesus and what He endured for us. We need to look at whatever it is that’s making us want to quit—in comparison to what Jesus did for us. Then keep going in His strength.
  3. All of our problems and complaints seem SO BIG—until we compare them to what Jesus Christ did for us. In that light, our problems appear so small that we’re ashamed that we ever complained.
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