**“Let us not grow weary”**

*Galatians 6:9*

**Introduction**

1. Paul exhorted the Galatians to not grow weary in their doing good (**Galatians 6:9).**
2. We should not be unaware of Satan’s devices – **2 Corinthians 2:11**
	1. There are many things we can stumble in (**James 3:2**).
	2. The closer we are to Christ, the more subtle Satan’s ploys become – as we know how to discern good and evil (**cf. Hebrews 5:14**), he must be craftier to ensnare us.
3. Weariness is a trap Satan lays for the faithful.
4. The Text in Context
5. Faithful Brethren Sowing to the Spirit
	1. ***“you who are spiritual” (v. 1)***.
	2. Righteousness by faith, not by perfect keeping of law – **Galatians 5:1-6**
	3. Liberty, but not licentiousness – **Galatians 5:13**
	4. Spirit, not flesh – **Galatians 5:16-18, 22, 24-25**
		1. Sow to the Spirit – **Galatians 6:8** – Monetary? What evidence is there?
		2. Sowing to the Spirit = ***“Walk in the Spirit” (5:16)***
6. Faithful Brethren Calling Others to Faithfulness
	1. ***“Bear one another’s burdens” (v. 2)***.
	2. Faithful restoring erring – **Galatians 6:1-5**
		1. **(v. 1)** – Bearing burdens (in context) is calling erring to faithfulness.
		2. ***“Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching” (2 Timothy 4:2)***.
		3. **(vv. 3-4)** – not evaluating self by another’s failure – rather, ***“gentleness” (v. 1)*** – humility in service toward another.
		4. **(v. 5)** – acknowledge judgment to be based on own responsibility.
	3. Call to participate in things of the Spirit – **Galatians 6:6-8**
		1. Concerning financial support of preachers/teachers? – not in context.
			1. Share – *koinōneō* – sharing, fellowship, participation.
			2. “**distributing** to the needs of the saints” (Romans 12:13).
			3. “Gentiles have been **partakers** of their spiritual things” (Romans 15:27).
			4. “no church **shared** with me concerning giving and receiving but you only” (Philippians 4:15).
			5. “nor **share** in other people's sins” (1 Timothy 5:22).
			6. “the children have **partaken** of flesh and blood” (Hebrews 2:14).
			7. “rejoice to the extent that you **partake** of Christ's sufferings” (1 Peter 4:13).
			8. “for he who greets him **shares** in his evil deeds.” (2 John 11)
		2. “good things” = of the Spirit **(vv. 8-9)**
			1. **(v. 6)** – first thought of teaching? **(v. 1)** – restoration by teaching – who has the good things? – Spiritual.
			2. The teacher has the “good things” – relaying through teaching.
			3. The one who is taught is to receive, and “share in” (participate, fellowship; **cf. Acts 2:42**) the “good things” with the teacher – i.e. react in repentance to restorative effort **(v. 1).**
		3. **(vv. 7-8)** – do not think you will alter this immutable law of God – obey the teaching of God.
7. Faithful Brethren Who are Enduring the Burdens of Faithfulness
	1. ***“For each man shall bear his own burden.” (v. 1***, ASV)
	2. Call to not grow weary in doing good – **Galatians 6:9-10**
		1. Doing good? **(v. 9)** – sowing to the Spirit **(v. 8)** – everything that pertains to walking in the Spirit **(5:16, 25)** (including restoring erring, and others, **v. 1**).
		2. ***“We shall reap”*** – **(v. 8)** – ***“everlasting life”*** – the toil and sacrifice in service to Christ ends in reward.
		3. ***“if we do not lose heart”*** – do not be worn down and quit; endure – **(v. 10)** – at every opportunity.
	3. Jesus tells us to ***“count the cost”*** **(Luke 14:28).** Discipleship comes at a great cost of sacrifice, trial, and tribulation.
		1. Those who are “spiritual” have counted the cost.
		2. However, this does not minimize the cost, and the toll it takes on the faithful.
		3. The faithful need to take heart, not grow weary, and have faith in the harvest they will reap in sowing to the Spirit.
8. Do not grow weary with…
9. The Weight of the World (2 Peter 2:7-8)
	1. **2 Peter 2:7-8** – Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom, but the Holy Spirit revealed he maintained his righteous standing, though not without pain.
		1. Oppressed – *kataponeō* – *kata* “down,” *ponos* “labor” – tire down, wear down.
		2. Tormented – *basanizō* – to torture (Strong)
		3. Filthy conduct – among them – lawless deeds – HAD THIS EFFECT ON HIM BECAUSE HE WAS RIGHTEOUS (valued the things of God)
		4. Seeing and hearing – everywhere he turned there were unrighteous displays and language.
	2. Those who long for heaven (**2 Peter 3:13** – where righteousness dwells) are tormented by all that stands in antithesis to it.
	3. Foundations being destroyed – **Psalm 11:1-3**
		1. **Faith** – elitism (say faith is infantile), atheism, evolution, humanism, blasphemy, relativism.
			1. NOTE: Christians in school, and parents who are concerned.
		2. **Family** – nuclear family demonized, rampant divorce, cohabitation, role reversals, negligent parenting, ungodly philosophy.
			1. NOTE: being destroyed by the entertainment industry.
		3. **Morality** – hedonism, drugs + alcohol, LGBTQ+, profanity, hyper-sexualized society. (**cf. Isaiah 5:20**)
		4. **Do not grow weary** – **Psalm 11:4-7** – the Lord reigns and sees.
	4. The devil intends to wear down our faith – **Habakkuk 1:2-4, 13; 2:4** – live by faith.
		1. Do not grow weary, rejoice in the Lord – **Habakkuk 3:17-19**
10. The Weight of Truth (2 Timothy 4:1-8)
	1. Paul exhorting Timothy throughout to stand for truth no matter what he would be called to endure – **2 Timothy 1:7-8** (spirit of power, love, sound mind)
	2. Called to be the support of truth as God’s people – **1 Timothy 3:15** – equipped to uphold the truth no matter the opposition or trial, HOWEVER, DOES NOT IMPLY ANY EASE IN DOING SO – TAKES A TOLL.
	3. **2 Timothy 4:1-8** – in concluding letter, Paul exhorts all the more to uphold truth though others are unwilling to partake in the sacrifice of doing so.
		1. Exhortation – **(vv. 1-2)**
		2. Reason – **(vv. 3-5)** – some will request what is not sound.
			1. ***“not endure sound doctrine”*** – endure – *anechō* – *ana* “up,” *echō* “to hold” – “to regard w. tolerance, endure, bear with, put up with” (BDAG)
				1. **2 Corinthians 11:19-20** – “put up with”
				2. **Matthew 17:17** – “bear with you”
			2. Sound doctrine is what is good for us, but like medicine, it is sometimes unpleasant.
				1. ***“And I appeal to you, brethren, bear with [anechō] the word of exhortation” (Hebrews 13:22).***
		3. The faithful (spiritual ones) might undergo the temptation to give into what seems easier, but understand by faith it is deception – **2 Peter 2:17**
		4. Paul’s example – **(vv. 6-8)** – far from easy. Cause? – “sound doctrine” – fought for, ran with, protected.
11. The Weight of the Unfaithful (2 Thessalonians 3:6-15)
	1. **2 Thessalonians 3:6-15** – call to discipline disorderly w/ specific case of idleness.
		1. **(vv. 7-12)** – brethren taking advantage of generosity/liberality of others, not working, getting into the business of others.
			1. **(vv. 7, 11)** – “disorderly” (general word) – *atakteō* (**v. 7**, verb), ataktōs (**v. 11**, adverb)
				1. From – *ataktos* (adj) – ***“unruly” (1 Thessalonians 5:14)*** – “unarranged, i.e. (by implication) insubordinate (religiously)” (STRONG); “pert. to being out of step and going one’s own way, disorderly, insubordinate” (BDAG)
				2. General, describing any disobedience to the word.
		2. **(v. 6)** – withdraw from them (*ataktōs*).
		3. (**vv. 13-15**) – do not grow weary in this, admonish as brother.
			1. ***“doing good”*** – this action is sowing to Spirit, and will work for good.
			2. ***“do not keep company”*** – must be commanded BECAUSE THESE ARE PEOPLE WE WANT TO BE AROUND – love them.
			3. ***“not…enemy…but…brother”*** – we have not lost love, we have no hard feelings, WE DESPERATELY MISS THEM, AND ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THEM.
			4. ***“DO NOT GROW WEARY”***
				1. **1 Corinthians 5:2; 2 Corinthians 12:21** – MOURNING THEIR SPIRITUAL STATE.
				2. Same word – **Mark 16:10** – mourned Jesus’ death.
	2. Satan wants to weary us to jeopardize any possibility of the erring’s return:
		1. Regardless, not to fellowship sin/error – **Ephesians 5:11; 2 Corinthians 6:14**
		2. Not to do anything that would cause them to think they are okay in their sin – **2 John 10-11**
		3. Already hard, but what if – **Matthew 10:34-39** – family – cross (not easy).
			1. God understands – **Hosea 11:1-7**
			2. Father of prodigal son understands – **Luke 15:24** – ***“was dead”***
				1. The son had something to come back to.
		4. Do not grow weary, but pray or their return – **1 Corinthians 5:5; 2 Corinthians 2:6-8** – God’s will works, have faith/hope.
12. Overcome weariness by…
13. Exhorting One Another (**Hebrews 3:13; 10:24-25**)
14. Rejoicing in the Lord (**Philippians 4:4**)
15. Rejoicing in Hope (**Romans 12:12**)

**Conclusion**

1. Weariness is powerful tool of the adversary. We must be aware of this.
2. The Christian must not grow weary, but take heart, and rest their hope fully on heaven.