

Be Not Weary

Scripture Text: Thessalonians 3:6-18

About the Text:

- 1) The church at Thessalonica was relatively new when Paul wrote this epistle.
- 2) And like all new churches, they had some problems.
- 3) There were some who believed in the imminent return of Christ.
- 4) As a result, some of them had stopped working and were behavior like busybodies.
- 5) Paul had to write this second epistle to correct this misunderstanding.
- 6) His instructions to the fledgling church were to withdraw from those who were being disorderly.
- 7) Such is never an easy process.
- 8) Moreover, these faithful brethren may have been discouraged by those who were not working.
- 9) Paul encouraged them, however, not to be weary in well doing.

About today.

- 1) Today there are times when we may be discouraged as well.
- 2) Perhaps we're discouraged by the circumstances of our life.
- 3) Maybe our job isn't working out like we think it should.
- 4) Perhaps our family relationships are a struggle.
- 5) Perhaps we see some brethren not being faithful to the word of God like those in Thessalonica.
- 6) The temptation is to give up and quit doing what we know we need to do.
- 7) At such times we need to remember Paul's words of encouragement.
- 8) "Be not weary in well doing."
- 9) Let's think of some reasons why we ought not to be weary in well doing.

In being not weary in well doing, that is, in doing good, there is...

I. A REWARD

1. Why ought we not to be weary in well doing? There is great reward in doing good.
2. There is an intrinsic reward.

- 1) There is in doing good an intrinsic reward.
- 2) That is, when we do good things, they are, in and of themselves, rewarding.
- 3) Consider Paul's thoughts in 1 Corinthians 9:18
- 4) Jesus said, John 13:17 "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."
- 5) Consider also the parable of the wise and foolish man. Matthew 7:24-25

3. There is also eternal reward.

- 1) Matthew 5:12
- 2) Colossians 3:24
- 3) Hebrews 11:6
- 4) Revelation 22:12:

4. Galatians 6:9

II. NEED

1. Why ought we not to be weary in well doing? Because there is a great need!

- 1) Edmund Burke is attributed as saying, "All that is necessary for the forces of evil to win in the world is for enough good men to do nothing."
- 2) Peter wrote, (1 Peter 2:15).

2. If we consider ourselves to be good folks, then let us do good.

- 1) Jesus said, (Luke 6:35)
- 2) Heb 13:16

3. We must seek to overcome evil with good.

- 1) Romans 12:21 "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."
- 2) 1 Peter 3:8-9

4. Let us not be weary in well doing because when we do good we satisfy a great need.

III. AN EXAMPLE

1. When we are not weary in well doing and we do good things we set a good example for others.

- 1) Consider Dorcas/Tabitha.
- 2) Acts 9:36
- 3) She was a woman full of good works and she remains a great example for us today.

4) Consider also the example of the woman who anointed Jesus at the house of Simon the leper.

5) Jesus said, (Mark 14:8-9)

6) Her example lives for us today.

7) 1 Timothy 5:25 speaks in this regard also

5. In setting a good example, we bring glory to God.

1) Matthew 5:16

2) Consider Ephesians 2:10

3) Psalms 86:12 "I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore."

4) 1 Corinthians 6:20

6. Let us not be weary in well doing, for in doing good, we set a good example.

1. We ought not to be weary in well doing because...

1) There is great reward in doing good.

2) There is a great need for us to do good.

3) We set a great example and glorify God when we do good.

2. Invitation

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