

# “Let’s Not Be Weary in Doing Good”

## I. Introduction

A. God repeatedly warns against the spiritual ailment of weariness. Consider some things Scripture teaches that demonstrate the need to not become weary in doing good, and some particular areas of life in which it’s crucial to apply this. **Galatians 6:9**

## II. When Persecutions Come

- A. The Bible particularly warns against growing weary when faced with persecutions for righteousness’ sake. **Hebrews 12:3**
- B. Overcoming spiritual “exhaustion” when persecutions come is greatly aided when considering the examples of our “cloud of witnesses,” of Jesus, and of Paul, who faced fiery trials that are hard to fathom, yet showed the ability we have to do what’s right when it’s not easy. Like they endured, so can we. **Hebrews 12:1-2, 4; Ephesians 3:13**

## III. In Seeking the Lost

A. Paul’s trials were generally faced in his efforts to share the Gospel with others. While it’s easy to lose heart when the truth is frequently rejected, it’s key to not grow weary when doing what God shows is a good work, regardless of how others respond to it. **Acts 13:50-51**

## IV. In Good Deeds

A. More generally, with any good deeds we do for others, there is always a potential for them to not respond well, or for us to become wearied because of the effort that comes with doing good. It’s key to bear in mind, though, that with regard to good works, we will ultimately “reap what we sow.” **Galatians 6:7-9**

## V. In Prayer

- A. A particular good work that we must not grow weary in is prayer. **Luke 18:1**
- B. It’s easy, especially when God doesn’t respond to prayer as one might wish, to lose the zeal we should have for prayer. Part of genuine faith, though, is being fervent in prayer no matter our circumstances, and no matter how past prayers may have been answered. **Luke 18:2-7, 8**

## VI. In Steadfastness of Faith

- A. Just as we must be steadfast in prayer, we must be steadfast in *all* that God expects of us. One application of this involves steadfastly following God’s pattern for the church. While it’s easy to grow weary in heeding that which much of the religious world takes lightly, God shows the lasting benefit of taking seriously the pattern He’s given. **Colossians 3:17**
- B. A particular application of this involves steadfastly heeding what the Bible teaches about church discipline. While spiritual weariness can set in when so many don’t respond as they should to church discipline, this doesn’t negate the responsibility we have for steadfastly following what the Lord expects of us in this area. **1 Corinthians 5:11; 15:58**

## VII. By Looking to Heaven

- A. The key to the steadfastness commanded in 1 Corinthians is that our “labor is not in vain in the Lord.” Since the Lord promises to raise His faithful followers to eternal life in heaven, we have strong motivation to steadfastly heed His Word. **1 Corinthians 15:58**
- B. This ties in with something Scripture gives as a key to not becoming weary – looking to heaven. **2 Corinthians 4:16ff; Galatians 6:9**