

Sermon Handout

Do Not Grow Weary
Galatians 6:1-20

We are called to do good, as God defines it, and if we persist, we will reap a great harvest of goodness.

- I. Bearing each other's burdens 5:26-6:5
 - a. Selfish (v. 26) *vs.* helpful (v. 2) behavior to those struggling
 - Work to strengthen & restore one another
 - While taking heed to ourselves v. 26
 - "ye who are spiritual" 5:16-23
 - "the law of Christ" 5:14, 23b *cf.* I Tim 1:5; Rom 13:8-10
 - b. "Considering thyself" (v. 1) explained in vv. 3-4
 - Recognizing our own feet of sand v. 3
 - Being diligent in our own obedience to Christ v. 4
 - c. We bear our own responsibility for faithfulness v. 5
 - Being careful to bear our own weight
 - We can then help others with their burdens

- II. All of us are held accountable for our actions 6:6-8
 - a. Mutual support enjoined on all, each doing what he is able
 - b. Failure to bear up under temptation has consequences vv. 7-8
 - All the more reason to walk carefully & support each other
 - See 5:22-25

- III. Let us, then, not grow weary of doing what is good 6:9-10
 - a. The Apostolic admonition against giving up v. 9
 - i. OT usage: Gen 27:46; Num 21:5
 - ii. NT usage: Lk 18:1; Eph 3:13; II Cor 4:1, 16
 - II Thes 3:13
 - b. The word itself: "let us not lose heart"
 - i. Derived from the word for "evil" & its negative variant "one who does not do evil"
 - ii. Hence, "to keep on doing well" or "sustain our action"
 - iii. Therefore: "persevere"
 - c. St. Paul says, "persevere in the good"
 - And appends the promised reward "we shall reap"
 - So, at every opportunity, do good to all men
 - especially to Christian brothers & sisters v. 10