

# Are We Weary?

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- *And **let us not grow weary while doing good,** for in due season we shall reap if we do not **lose heart (or give up).** Gal 6:9*

# Identify the Cause

- Cares of world, desires for other things, pleasures of life Mt 13 – sower
- Persecutions, tribulations, trials (Mt 13)
- Forgotten the cleansing of sin (2Pet 1:8-11)
- Guilt and remorse (David)
- Ingratitude of those we help. (Moses)
- Lack of results from our labor (Elijah)

# Sad Truths that will/have Dawned

- *The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. 2 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." 3 What profit has a man from all his labor In which he toils under the sun? 4 One generation passes away, and another generation comes; But the earth abides forever. Eccl 1:1-4*
- This invades all aspects of life.

# Sad Truths We Must Accept

- *All things are full of labor; Man cannot express it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, Nor the ear filled with hearing. 9 That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun. 10 Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this is new"? It has already been in ancient times before us. 11 There is no remembrance of former things, Nor will there be any remembrance of things that are to come By those who will come after. Eccl 1:8-11*
- God's people often discouraged. Doesn't change

# Because of the Cursed...

- *I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised. 14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind. 15 What is crooked cannot be made straight, And what is lacking cannot be numbered. ... 18 For in much wisdom is much grief, And he who increases knowledge increases sorrow. Ecc 1:12-15, 18*
- If it hasn't happened, it will happen...

# Need to Insulate ourselves

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# Motivation

- **The difference between wanting to do something and feeling forced to do it.**
- *Not grudgingly or of necessity for God loves a cheerful giver. 2Cor 9:7*
- This is not just about giving on 1<sup>st</sup> day!
- *“Your people shall be **volunteers** In the day of Your power” (Ps. 110:1-4).*
- *“a free will offering, — freely and willingly offered!”*

# Motivation

- **Difference between wanting to do it and feeling forced & compelled to do it.**
- *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. Rom. 12:1*
- *For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Cor. 6:20*
- Gratitude, Love, Respect, Awe, Reverence.....

# The MOTIVATIONS of 2Peter 1:3-17

- Grace and Peace Multiplied When we know:
- His Divine Power granted all things –
  - That pertain to life and godliness
- Through these we were given precious and exceeding great promises.
- We became partakers of the divine nature
- Escape the corruption in the world thru lust

# How Do We Feel About This?

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- Are we still grateful?
- Does it lead us to a sense of duty, not forced, but enjoyed and willingly shouldered?
- Do our feelings of being highly favored lead us to an attitude of zeal and diligence?
- If we allow these things to do what they were designed for, we will be highly motivated and excited to do our part.

# How it Should Be

- *Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect: but I press on, if so be that I may lay hold on that for which also I was laid hold on by Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I could not myself yet to have laid hold: but one thing (I do), forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before. 14 I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye are otherwise minded, this also shall God reveal unto you: 16 only, whereunto we have attained, by that same (rule) let us walk. Phil 3:12-16*

# How Did He Do It?

- *if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Phil 3:11*
- *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. 2 Tim 4:7-8*

# Continued Motivations

- *Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of (our) faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame, and hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb 12:1-2*

# Continued Motivations

- *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1Cor 15:58*