

(PAUL)--Too Soon To Quit

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Text: Galatians 6:9-10

I. PAUL SPEAKS OF A PRIVILEGE.

“Doing good”

A. THE MEANS FOR DOING GOOD

“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”

B. THE MOTIVE FOR DOING GOOD

“1Co 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”

“Col. 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

“1 Peter 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen”

II. PAUL SPEAKS OF A PERIL.

“Growing weary”

A. THE REASONS FOR GROWING WEARY.

1. Because of the time that is involved
2. Because thoughtlessness of individuals
(When it seems that others are not doing their share)

B. THE RESULTS OF GROWING WEARY.

1. We become critical.
2. We become callous.

III. PAUL SPEAKS OF PERSEVERING.

A. THE CONVICTION THAT IS EXPRESSED

“In due season we shall reap”

1. There is a season for preparing the soil.
2. There is a season for planting the seeds.

B. THE CONDITION THAT MUST BE FULFILLED

“If we faint not”

1. No difficulty will deter us.
2. No danger will drive us away.

Endurance Records

- œ Longest time spent standing - 17 years man from India (leaning against a plank while sleeping)
- œ Longest time spent in a tree - man in Indonesia has been in a tree since 1970.
- œ Longest time doing CPR - two teams from England did CPR on a dummy for 144 hours.
- œ Longest non stop ocean swim by woman - 122 miles from Mexico to Cuba in 38 hrs. 33 min.
- œ Longest typewriting marathon - Les Stewart - 16 years typing the numbers 1-1,000,000 on 19,990 sheets of paper.
- œ Longest time balanced on one foot - a man from India - 76 hours 40 minutes.
- œ Longest distance walking on hands - man from Austria - 870 miles over 55 days, in 10-hour stints.

MESSAGE TWO IN SERIES ON BEING OVERWHELMED

(ELIJAH)-A Touch For The Weary

I Kings 19:5-8)

Intro: The medical profession now recommends a special form of therapy in dealing with unconscious patients. The relatives are encouraged to touch the patient, to communicate their love through the touch of the human hand. In many ways, Elijah was sick. He needed healing! The Divine Physician communicated His love for the sick prophet.

** We see the Manifestation of God - He came

** We see the Mothering of God -Isa. 66: 13a

** We see the Mercy of God - Micah 7:1c

1. A Touch Of Intervention (v. 5)

A. A divine intervention - omniscience/omnipotence

B. A distinct intervention - personal/pointed

C. A developing Intervention - a process/Cherith; Zarephath

2. A Touch Of Inspiration (v. 5, 6)

A. The inspiring visit - "angel of the Lord" (Jesus in OT)

B. The inspiring voice - "and said"

C. The inspiring view - meal; a cake etc.

3. A Touch Of Instruction (v. 6-8)

A. A prepared candidate - until now, he was going in his way

B. A precious command - arise; eat; journey

C. A providential connection - hand that touches/leads

Concl: Most of us are familiar with the common terrapin, or turtle. Usually, a human touch, or even a human presence, causes it to pull into itself. In this story, however, we learn that a divine touch, or the divine presence, pulls us out of ourselves. May the God of Elijah lay His hand upon us afresh and anew!

Susie called a friend and asked how she was feeling. "Terrible," came the reply. "My head's splitting and my back and legs are killing me. The house is a mess, and the kids are driving me crazy." Susie, full of compassion, said, "Listen, go and lie down, I'll come over right away and cook lunch for you, clean up the house, and take care of the children while you get some rest. By the way, how is Sam?"

"Sam? I have no husband named Sam."

"My heavens," Susie exclaimed, "I must have dialed the wrong number."

"Are you still coming over?"

In most congregations 90 percent of the work is done by 10 percent of the people. The other 10 percent of the work is done by the remaining 90 percent of the people. Is it any doubt that the 10 percent become discouraged and weary as they see the lethargy of the 90 percent? We must feel like this person who was talking to a co-worker.

ILLUS: Are you tired? The population of this country is 280 million; 124 million are over the age of 65, leaving 156 million to do the work. There are 104 million people under the age of 25, leaving 52 million to do the work. There are 30 million people who work for the federal government which leaves 22 million to do the work. Four million are in the armed forces which leaves 18 million to do the work. Deduct 17,800,000 who work in state, county and city offices, leaving 200,000 to do the work. There are 188,000 in hospitals and institutions of various kinds, leaving 12,000 to do the work. Now it may interest you to know that there are 11,998 people in jail, so that leaves just two people to carry the load and that's you and me brother, and I'm getting tired of doing everything myself.