

You Need Patience

“Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” (Galatians 6:9)

1. Growing weary is not attached to sin but to doing good.
 - a. The issue is a lack of patience.
 - b. Even well-doing can become wearisome.
2. The sin which does so easily ensnares us is giving up, fainting (Hebrews 12:1).
3. The answer to keep from fainting is patience.
4. Examples of those who did faint:
 - a. Moses
 - b. Elijah
 - c. David – when he ran from Saul
 - d. John the Baptist
5. Those who did not faint:
 - a. Joseph
 - b. David – after the Cave of Adullam
 - c. Jesus in the Garden. He came close.
6. We often become discouraged and give up when under pressure by men. People have let us down.
7. We often become discouraged and give up when it seems God has let us down. We take offense at God.

Hebrews 12

1. “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us...”

1. The sin which so easily ensnares us is discouragement, fainting, becoming bitter, giving up.
2. The answer is continuing to run with patience.

2. “Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

1. Keeping our eyes on Jesus is the key to patience.

2. Jesus never gave up under the greatest pressure.
3. The joy set before Jesus was **us**.
4. Our joy is **others**. See them saved and matured.

3. “For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.”

1. Jesus is our *greatest* example to follow.
2. Giving up, fainting, is a result of mental fatigue.
3. Our problems with others, sinners or saints, is temporary and we will get through it.
4. Don’t give up.

4. “You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin (Jesus did).”

1. We probably will not die as Jesus did.
2. Jesus resisted giving up all the way to the cross.

5. “And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;”

1. If you do not get past the discouragement, you will be disciplined.
2. A great way not to be disciplined – patience.
3. Don’t despise the chastening – listen and learn.
4. Don’t feel sorry for yourself or have a pity party.

6. “For whom the Lord loves He chastens and scourges every son whom He receives.”

1. There is not, nor has ever been, a servant of God who was not disciplined.
2. God always chastens out of love for our maturing.
3. God disciplines with His word, not sickness or evil (2 Timothy 3:16).

7. “If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?”

1. If you come through chastening God deals with you as an adult and not a child.
2. Every child of God has been disciplined. He is not mistreating you.

8. “But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.”

9. “Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?”

1. Earthly fathers spanked our flesh.
2. Our Heavenly Father disciplines us through our inward man, our heart.

10. "For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness."

1. All discipline is for our spiritual growth.
2. The Word used for our discipline is for our growth.

11. "Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

12. "Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees,

13. And make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed."

1. God has forgiven you. Now, forgive yourself.
2. Get back into the race.
3. God is not through with you. Your heart is still beating.

14. "Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will (perceive) see the Lord:

15. Looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled..."