

Doing Good, The Christian's Imperative

Galatians 6:9-10

Intro:

- A. Paul has stated the principle of sowing and reaping.
 - 1. People reap what they sow.
 - 2. Flesh reaps flesh.
 - 3. Spirit reaps Spirit.
- B. The harvest time is unpredictable.
 - 1. Those who sow to the flesh may not reap the harvest until late in life or even until eternity. **Eccles. 8:11** "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the hart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil."
 - 2. Those who sow to the Spirit may tire and quit. Vs. 9

I. Paul's Injunction To Continue Doing Good.

- A. **Vs. 9 "And let us not be weary in well doing:"**
 - 1. "Weary" = εκκακew = "to turn out a coward", "to lose one's courage", "to lose heart in view of trials".
 - 2. "Well" = καλος = "beautiful", "becoming", "well-suited".
 - 3. "Doing" = ποιew = "to make", "to produce", "also what one does continually".
 - 4. "Let us not lose heart and quit doing good because of the trials that follow".
- B. The Servant and good works
 - 1. **Eph 2:10** (Our purpose, to serve God.)
 - 2. **Titus 2:14** (Two purposes of redemption.)
 - 3. **Matt 5:44-45** (They reflect our parentage.)
 - 4. **John 10:33, Acts 10:38** (They identify us with Jesus.) "Many good works have I shewed you."
 - 5. **I Pet 2:12** (They prepare evildoers for the deliverance {coming} of God.)

II. The Inevitability Of Harvest.

- A. "...for in due season we shall reap..."
 - 1. "Due season" = καιρος = "the right time", "the appointed time", "at the time that is should be done". (This must be after judgment).
 - 2. "Reap" = θεριζω = "harvest time", "the time of gathering".
- B. "...if we faint not."
 - 1. "Faint" = εκλυω = "to loose out of", "to relax", "to

- be exhausted from lack of strength and to turn loose".
2. "...unless we throw in our hand..." - Phi

III. The Scope Of Doing Good.

- A. **Vs. 10 "As we have therefore opportunity..."**
 1. "Opportunity" = καιρος = "the right time".
 2. "As the right time presents itself."
 3. "As we have time..."
- B. **"let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."**
 1. "let us do the good to all men"
 2. "Especially" = μαλιστα = "most of all".
 3. "Household" = οικειους = "members of the family (of the faith)".

IV. An Example Of Doing Good Under Fire.

- A. **Vs. 11 "Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand."**
 1. "Large" = πηλικος = "how great of size".
 2. "See what large letters I make, when I write to you with my own hand! - Gspd
- B. Paul uses himself as an example.
 1. He is weak physically.
 2. He is "doing good" by writing the letter to them.
 3. It has taken great effort.
 4. He will be persecuted for what he has written. Vs. 12.
 5. Paul did not, "loosen his grip" and give in to the circumstances.

V. Doing Good Will Make Us Weary.

- A. The problems.
 1. We seldom see results.
 2. People rarely encourage us.
 3. The recipients are seldom thankful, "where are the nine" of the 10 lepers?
 4. It takes physical effort.
 5. The aging process multiplies the weariness.
 6. Doing good is a grind.
 7. Enthusiasm will not fuel it.
 8. Guilt will not sustain it.
- B. What is the answer?
 1. The Word of God!
 2. II Tim 3:16
 3. "Furnish thoroughly" = εξαρτιζω = "to equip fully".

This was a term used to describe a rescue ship. It carried all the special tools to make rescue of men and ship.

4. MEM's ambulance.