

Title: Do Not Grow Weary In Well Doing

Text: Galatians 6:6-10

Main Idea: Walking in the Spirit involves generous giving to advance the Kingdom of God.

Division Statements:

[Note: There are four facts that show us the Apostle is primarily concerned with money in these verses. First, verse 6 is obviously a reference to compensating those that teach the word to the congregation so that they might be free to carry out this duty faithfully and rightly. Second the closing thought says “Let us do good to all” (ἐργαζώμεθα τὸ ἀγαθόν) is a Greek euphemism for giving alms, money, to the poor, meeting their needs. These two statements, therefore, act as bookends to Paul’s line of thinking. Third, the phrase “God is not mocked” appears so often in the Old Testament in the context of the misuse of money and greed that if you are a faithful student of the prophets you can hardly hear the words “God is not mocked” without thinking about the use or misuse of money. And fourth, the proverb “whatever a man sows, that he will also reap,” is a proverb that is commonly used to encourage generous financial giving, (e.g. 2 Cor. 9:6.)

1. Believers should provide for those that teach them the word of God (v. 6).

There are four clear implications of this verse’s command:

- a. Teaching the word of God is essential to the life of the church.
- b. Those who carry the main responsibility of teaching need freedom to study, meditate and pray.
- c. Pastor-Teachers should be paid to allow them this freedom.
- d. When you give to support the teaching ministry you fulfill the “law of Christ”, namely the law of love (v. 2).

2. Believers should use what God has given to build the kingdom rather than feed the flesh (vv. 7-8).

How might the world be different if believers would faithfully use their finances to sow to the things of the Spirit rather than their flesh (including the entertainment industry). There are many startling statistics in this regard conducted by reputable missions sending agencies and others. Use them in your exposition.

3. Believers should persevere in giving knowing that God will give a great reward (v. 9).

This is a beautiful promise and should perhaps be the heart of your message. In all of us there is a temptation to “grow weary”(ἐγκακῶμεν) - to become weary, grow tired, give up, become discouraged, lose heart. The Lord understands this all too common temptation and draws us back into action with many great promises in His word.

4. Believers should provide for the needy, especially those who are fellow believers

(v. 10).

“Opportunity” is *καιρός* in this verse. It does not refer to a fixed specific instance or moment of opportunity, but to a season of opportunity. The point, therefore, is that one’s entire life offers a unique opportunity and privilege to give to others of what God has given you. This great opportunity is passing away, so let us make the most of it with the days we have left by providing for the needy, especially our brothers and sisters.

Bridging From Text To Sermon

Textual Idea: Paul explains the importance of giving as a part of walking in the Spirit.

Sermon Proposition: Walking in the Spirit involves generous giving to advance the Kingdom of God.

Interrogative: How are those walking in the Spirit supposed to give?

Transition: According to our text, believers should give in five important ways.

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