

Don't Lose Heart

At least seven times in the New Testament we are told how important it is not to lose heart (Luke 18:1; 2 Cor. 4:1,16; Gal. 6:9; Eph. 3:13; Col. 3:21; Heb. 12:3). Indeed, as Christians, we must not allow discouragement to weigh us down and cause us to give up. **Someone once said that discouragement is the most favorite tool that the devil uses to cause Christians to fall away from God, and I believe it!** Sadly, countless numbers of Christians over the years have given up serving the Lord because they "lost heart." Whether it was a besetting sin, a fiery trial of some kind, or the lack of *results* in doing God's work, somehow, they decided that there was no point in trying anymore. They became weary or exhausted and gave up hope. Have you ever felt that way? How can we prevent this from happening? How do we not "lose heart"?

Look to Jesus: "For consider him that endured such gainsaying of sinners against himself, that ye wax not weary, fainting in your souls" (Heb. 12:3). Everyday we need to consider what Jesus did for us so we could be saved. **Jesus did not give up on us; neither should we give up on Him!**

Look to Eternity: "Wherefore we faint not, but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day" (2 Cor. 4:16). We will lose heart if we lose sight of our eternal home in Heaven. This world is not all there is. We must look at the things that are "not seen" or eternal every day (4:18).

Look to Your Brethren: "Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God; but to exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called today; lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin" (Heb. 3:12-13). Isolation from other Christians can be devastating to the heart. Seek out spiritually minded brethren and keep company with them often. Everyone needs encouragement!

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Example is a lesson everyone can read.

News & Notes

TODAY'S SPEAKER: John Ward of the WV School of Preaching. Bro. Rico is in a meeting in Marietta.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Montgomery & Jadyn Moore on the birth of a daughter, Millie on Thursday Oct. 1st. Best wishes to all.

PANTRY: Oatmeal (round container).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Donna Stevens, Scharlotte Jones. **FOX:** Patty McCullough Pepperberry) 304-459-3607, Marlene Evans, Mary Johnson. **SERRA MANOR, Weirton:** Jean Haught (Skip's mother).

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GOSPEL MEETINGS

Hanoverton	Oct. 11-15	Aaron Burch
Weirton Heights	Oct. 11-15	Peter Ray Cole

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On WOHI 1490 AM and 103.9 FM

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