

DID NOAH GROW WEARY?

Do you ever become “weary in well doing?”

You know what is the right thing to do. You apply your energy to do your very best. You remember the words of the apostle Paul, saying, “...whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men” (Col. 3:23). You try to comply. But after a while, the daily grind begins to take its toll.

The motivation is right. You are committed to serving the Lord – but sometimes the work seems so vast and your talents so limited. Then the question arises, “What’s the use?”

I wonder if ol’ Noah ever got discouraged? He must have preached for over one hundred years. The results were very meager, but he continued to be a preacher of righteousness. Do you suppose he was ever tempted to say, “I’m going to quit! It’s obvious my preaching is a waste of time!”? Most Christians have run up against that wall at one time or another.

And think about that ark. It was no weekend project. I can almost hear Noah saying after about sixty years of constant work, “I’m never going to get this thing finished. Did God really tell me to build something this big, or was I dreaming? I’ll be fortunate if the termites don’t eat it up before I’m done.”

Sometimes the magnitude of the work before us causes us to lose heart. Self-appointed critics dull our enthusiasm. A seeming lack of progress in obtaining results weakens resolve and causes us to feel like a spinning top slowly winding down and ready to topple over.

It’s good then to pause and hear Noah sawing, hammering, and preaching!

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” Galatians 6:9.

~ John Gipson, *Bulletin Digest* ~

It is Easier ...

- ...To read the Bible than follow its teaching.
- ...To tell what I believe than to put my belief into practice.
- ...To say what I should do than to do it.
- ...To judge a person than to extend mercy.
- ...To speak of our methods than our motives.
- ...To speak of the sins of others than speak of our own sins.
- ...To talk about heaven than to prepare to go there.

~ *Bulletin Digest*

Step up to the tasks and do what God asks.

News & Notes

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING: This coming Friday, May 20th, 7:00 p.m. at Hanoverton.

BABY SHOWER: Next Sunday, May 22nd, 1:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Building for Casandra Holava. Sign up no later than today.

PANTRY: Tomato soup.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Becky McKitrick, Mike West, Barbara DeLong, David McCoy, Russell Martin, Claudette Miller, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Nicole Stoffer (aunt of Tamara Sprout), Lori Rowand (niece of John Sprout). Weston, WV: Rick Beck.

THE GIFT

I went to the Lord, my God, in prayer.
I asked, “my God, are You listening there?
For I’ve burdens and worries of things here below,
And He answered me, “Child, don’t worry so,
For things of this world are as puffs of smoke.
Take My word and My love, let them be your yoke,
Not the things of the world, for they pass away.
But the souls of men, these treasures stay.
Teach them, guide them, send them My way
I’ve eternal life, this gift, I’ll give,
All who walk in My way, and obey, will live.”

- Elaine McClung, 12/18/2000 -

“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!” 2 Cor. 9:15 [NASV]

John 3:16

For GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten SON, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting LIFE.

