

*Book of Galatians*  
*(God's Written Law vs Rabbinical Oral Law)*

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2018 Part 23



## Galatians 6/9

- *Gal 6:9* NTV *Let us not become weary (Grk term means - tired, exhausted, spiritless) in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*
- *To understand this verse, it's important not to forget the immediate context in which this verse was written. The context comes from Chapter 5 and continues on into Chapter 6....what is the context?*
  - *Walking in the Spirit vs Walking in the Flesh (Gal 5/19-26)*

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- We are made of Flesh & Spirit: 1) Physical Body (which you can see) & 2) Spiritual Body (which you cannot see).
- Within your physical body you have the Spirit of Man & the Holy Spirit. All of us were born spiritually dead as members of the human family. When we were born again, God added the Holy Spirit....now, we are not only members of the human family but also members of the God Family (brethren in Christ).

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- Walking in the Flesh leads to corruption and ultimately to death.
- Walking in the Spirit leads to everlasting life.
  - Gal 6:8-9 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.
  - God is telling us in verse 9 not to become weary (tired, exhausted, spiritless) in living according to the Spirit (in doing good) vs Flesh.

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- *It takes effort/work to live in the Spirit vs the Flesh: It can be tiring/exhausting to continuously fight the flesh if we don't remain spiritually fit (we are bombarded daily with advertising that caters primarily to the flesh...it does not cater to the Spirit).*
- *Instead, God says, give priority to the Spirit...invest your treasures/time/talents to the Spirit by daily feeding the Spirit with and doing God's Word*

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- If we give priority to the Spirit, the physical blessings will follow (if we don't give up... the harvest takes time):
  - Matt 6:31-33 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.



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  - John 10:7-10 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

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- *If we give priority to the Spirit, the physical blessings will follow:*
  - *10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly (more abundantly not only in the future but now).*
  - *It's like exercising or eating nutritiously: you'll see the positive results if you don't give up... the harvest (results) takes time.*



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- So, if you don't like what you are now reaping in life, examine the choices/decisions that you are making and begin making the necessary course corrections so that you will begin reaping the type of life you want.
- Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap (it's a divine law).

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  - Deut 28:1-2 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. 2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God:

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  - Deut 28:15 "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

*Another way that we become “weary” is we get tired of sharing our faith. . . .because nobody will listen anyway. . . .so we stop sharing our faith.*

*This City has 1.8 million people. . . .don’t waste your time with people who will not listen. . . .go to the next person. . . .you don’t know whom God is calling.*

*Our job is to share our faith. . . .God’s job is to do the calling.*

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- Jesus guarded and directed His energies towards the Mission that His Father gave him.
  - Matt 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
  - Matt 18:11 For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

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- *He trained His disciples not to waste their time on people who would not listen:*
  - *Matt 10:11-15 "Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. 12 And when you go into a household, greet it. 13 If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you."*



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- *He trained His disciples not to waste their time on people who don't want to listen or change their ways:*
  - *14 And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. 15 Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!*

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- Jesus did not waste time on meaningless debates and arguments that had nothing to do with His Mission... He taught His disciples to do the same thing.
  - 1 Tim 6:3-5 If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness,

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  - *4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, 5 useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.*

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  - 5 .... From such withdraw yourself.

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- *I personally don't want to waste my time on debating every nuance of Scripture that does not lead to accomplishing COGSA Mission/Vision/Values*
  - *Mission: "To help change lives through the Power of God's Applied Word...to help heal a broken-hurting world".*
  - *Vision: "To prepare a people for leadership with Christ in Tomorrow's New World".*

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  - *Values: Love God...Love One Another...Love the World*
- *I refuse to engage in what I think are “energy leaking” discussions even though you are passionate about these topics.*



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- *Some people are passionate about:*
  - *Calendar issues*
  - *Proper way to pronounce the names of God.*
  - *Other nuances of Scripture... like debatable prophecy.*
- *I don't want to invest my time on these issues... if it's about change and becoming more like Christ... I'm in.*

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- *There was another church that Paul wrote to that He encouraged them “not to become weary” in doing good. They made the mistake of just waiting for the return of Jesus Christ instead of working and being an example to the world.*
- *It was the church of Thessalonica.*

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- *2 Thess 3:13-16* But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good. 14 And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed. 15 Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

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- 2 Thess 3:6-12 But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you;

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- *8 nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, 9 not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us. 10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.*

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- *11 For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. 12 Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.*



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- How did Paul want for them to spend their time?
  - 1 Thess 4:9-12 But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; 10 and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more;

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- *How did Paul want for them to spend their time?*
  - *11 that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, 12 that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.*
- *Spend your time on being a good example of a Believer.*

Gal 6:9

*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

*Next Week*

*Galatians 6/10-?*