

“IF” WE FAINT NOT
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INTRODUCTION: There are many important “IF’S” in scripture. **JOHN 8:31, 14:15, 15:7, 15:14, ROMANS 10:9, 1 COR. 15:2, 2 COR. 5:17, COL 1:23, 1 THES. 3:8, 1 JOHN 1:7, 9.** “If” implies a condition to meet. The Israelites were told “if” they hearkened, they would be blessed. But, “If” they hearkened not, curses would come upon them. The “if” implies responsibilities.

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1. Sowing and reaping.
 - A. Natural perspective: Sow corn, reap corn.
 - B. Spiritual perspective: Sow to the flesh, reap corruption. Sow to the Spirit, reap everlasting life.

2. The Key to reaping is to faint not.
 - A. To faint means a loss of courage, spirit, energy or heart.
 - B. A farmer doesn’t give up on his crop because he understands the principle of sowing and reaping.
 - C. Understanding the same principle helps us not to become weary and faint in our minds.

3. Scripture makes it clear that our reaping is conditional upon our not fainting.
 - A. Don’t get weary, worn out, exhausted mentally.
 - **HEB. 12:1-3** – Jesus is our example.
 - **IS. 40:28-31** – Wait upon the Lord and exchange strengths.
 - B. Be well doing.
 - Noah continued in well doing.
 - Joseph continued in well doing.
 - Andrew Jackson continued: His father died before his birth. His brother Hugh died when Andrew was 12. He and his brother Robert nearly starved to death as prisoners during the Revolutionary War. They both contracted small pox. Robert died, Andrew recovered. His mother died and he was left an orphan at age 14. He became the seventh president of the U.S. because he refused to faint. He was a man of solid faith in God.
 - Whatever the challenge, don’t get weary, be well doing and –
 - C. Be patient - In due season.
 - The farmer knows if the seed stays in the soil, gets sun light, and water, it will produce fruit.
 - **2 COR. 4:16** – The farmer is committed because of the cause – the end result.
 - **JOHN 6:66** – They fainted and walked away.
 - **2 TIM. 4:10a** – Demas fainted.
 - **2 TIM. 4:14** – Alexander fainted.
 - Instead of bearing fruit, they fainted.
 - D. Faint not.
 - **2 COR. 4:16-17** – The cause is we are dying daily just as others who’ve gone before us. Whatever we experience now can’t be compared to the glory of eternity.
 - We have a call to not stop serving God, believing God, living for God, obeying God, trusting God, giving to God, suffering for God and pursuing Go
 - E. We will reap the rewards of what we’ve sown!