

**DON'T FAINT!
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GALATIANS 6:9

One of the worst enemies of excitement and enthusiasm is time. We all as humans have a sad capacity for getting tired of wonderful things. We all can think of something we were once enthusiastic about, but over time, it lost its luster. We see this in children's lives. They get excited about a new toy, but soon enough they get tired of it. Christians start out strong and enthusiastic about walking with God and living by faith. But over time, we can become weary of well doing. These Christians were weary and beginning to faint.

IF – A SMALL BUT BIG WORD

It's small because it has two letters. It's big, because it introduces a conditional clause. If we desire to reap the benefits and blessings of our well doing, we must protect ourselves from becoming weary and fainting. We can't get tired of our well doing or give up on it if we want to experience our blessings. God wants us to start doing what is good, continue doing what is good, and never become weary of doing good. Why? So we can hear "well done, thou good and faithful servant."

1. Our salvation. GALATIANS 6:7-8

A. EPHESIANS 2:8-10 – We start excited about good works.

B. HEBREWS 10:35-39 – Over time, people can grow weary.

- Solomon – Started strong, being humble and surrendered to God. Over time, finished questionably. **1 KINGS 11:6-10**
- Asa – Started strong, but finished questionably. **2 CHRONICLES 16:7-9**
- Saul – Started well, but ended losing everything.
- Judas, Demas and others didn't finish well.
- Hymanaeus and Alexander also finished questionably.

2. Sowing to the flesh or spirit.

A. GALATIANS 6:8 – Well doing would be sowing to the spirit, not the flesh.

B. GALATIANS 5:16-17 – Well doing would be resisting the works of the flesh (**V19-21**) and yielding to the Fruit of the Spirit (**V22-23**).

C. GALATIANS 5:24-25 – Living and walking in the Spirit constitute well doing.

HOW TO PREVENT FROM FAINTING

1. Look to Jesus. HEBREWS 12:1-4

2. Look to the Spirit for help. JOHN 14:16

3. Pray always. LUKE 18:1

4. Wait upon the Lord. ISAIAH 40:28-31

5. Looking to God's grace and glory within. 2 CORINTHIANS 4:14-18

CONCLUSION:

It's not how we start our race, but how we finish it that really counts. There is much to be done and there is much opposition wanting to make us get weary and faint. Like Joseph, whose persistence took Him from the pit, to the prison, and finally to the palace, may we all continue in well doing until we move from here to glory!