

Dear K.C.P.D. family,

In the hustle and bustle of life, especially in the job you do on a daily basis, there are times we find ourselves battling fatigue. The fatigue you feel may not be just physical, or mental weariness, but a deeper spiritual exhaustion that can stem from doing good and serving others. In Galatians 6:9, the Apostle Paul offers encouragement and hope to the weary soul: "And let us not grow weary in doing good: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatian 6:9

This verse is a profound reminder of the importance of perseverance as you minister to your community, as I know you do. Yes, your job can be a ministry to the community you serve. Let's go a bit deeper with the phrase "not grow weary in doing good". This phrase invites us to consider our efforts, those countless acts of kindness, love, and service that often go unnoticed in the job you do. Paul's use of the word "weary" captures the physical, emotional, and spiritual toll that serving others can sometimes take on you. It is easy to feel drained when you pour yourselves out for the benefit of others and do not see immediate rewards or recognition. Yet, here in Galatian 6:9, we are urged to remain steadfast and committed to doing good.

You may feel that your labor is in vain, that your sacrifices are overlooked, or that the problems you confront are too big for the energy in your tank. Herein lies the danger: if we allow ourselves to become weary, we risk fainting before the finish line, missing out on the harvest awaiting us.

Paul's message here provides both a challenge and a promise. The challenge is to keep moving forward in love and kindness without losing heart. The promise comes with the assurance that there is a season of reaping ahead. You are not just planting seeds aimlessly in your community; there is a specific time when those seeds will bear fruit, and God in His omniscience knows precisely when that will occur.

I know the community you serve is important to you. However, surrounding yourselves with a community of believers on the job, and your local church family; can provide the encouragement needed to persevere. Sharing in one another's burdens, celebrating small victories, and providing support can revitalize your commitment to "doing good". Just as we are not meant to walk our faith journey alone, neither should we face our mission in our community solo. Together, we can cheer each other on and remind one another of the rewarding significance of our efforts.

Finally, keeping your focus on Christ, the ultimate example of perseverance, is key! Jesus faced immense weariness, pain, and rejection, yet He remained faithful to His mission. His steadfast love, even in the face of the cross, serves as our model for endurance in doing well.

Shared with love,

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