

Galatians 6:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Paul encourages perseverance. "And let us not be weary in well doing" (to de kalon poiountes mē enkakōmen, τὸ δὲ καλὸν ποιοῦντες μὴ ἐνκακῶμεν)—let us not grow tired, lose heart, become discouraged in doing good. Enkakeō (ἐνκακέω) means to lose heart, give in to evil, become exhausted. Present participle "doing" suggests continuous action; present subjunctive "be weary" warns against ongoing discouragement. Doing good becomes wearisome when results aren't immediate or visible.

"For in due season we shall reap" (kairō gar idiō therisomen, καιρῷ γὰρ ἰδίῳ θερίσομεν)—for at the proper time, the appointed season, we'll harvest. Kairos (καιρός) is God's appointed time, the right season. Harvest doesn't come immediately after sowing—there's growth season. "If we faint not" (mē eklyomenoi, μὴ ἐκλυόμενοι)—if we don't give up, become exhausted, lose strength. Eklyō means to loosen, relax, give out. Paul promises: keep sowing to the Spirit, and harvest will come at God's appointed time. Don't quit before harvest!

Historical Context

Early Christians faced discouragement: persecution continued, the Lord hadn't returned, suffering persisted, ministry seemed fruitless. Paul's encouragement: harvest is guaranteed but requires patient endurance. This echoes Jesus's parable of the sower (Mark 4:1-20) and teaching about endurance (Matthew 24:13). The

agricultural metaphor reminded ancient audiences that farmers can't rush harvest—there's necessary growth period between sowing and reaping. Faithfulness during the waiting period determines whether you receive the harvest. Contemporary application: instant-gratification culture resists delayed harvest, but spiritual realities require patient faith.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. In what areas of 'well doing' are you growing weary and tempted to quit before harvest?
2. How does confidence that 'in due season we shall reap' sustain perseverance when results aren't immediately visible?
3. What does it mean practically not to 'faint'—to maintain spiritual and moral endurance during the growth season?

Interlinear Text

τὸ	δὲ	καλὸν	ποιοῦντες	μὴ	ἐκκακῶμεν·	καιρῷ	γὰρ
G3588	And	in well	doing	not	be weary	season	for
	G1161	G2570	G4160	G3361	G1573	G2540	G1063
ἰδίῳ	θερίσομεν	μὴ	ἐκλυόμενοι				
in due	we shall reap	not	if we faint				
G2398	G2325	G3361	G1590				

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 15:58 (Parallel theme): Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

2 Thessalonians 3:13 (Parallel theme): But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

Hebrews 12:3 (Parallel theme): For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

1 Peter 2:15 (Parallel theme): For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

James 5:7 (Parallel theme): Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

1 Peter 3:17 (Parallel theme): For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

2 Corinthians 4:16 (Parallel theme): For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

Revelation 2:3 (Parallel theme): And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

1 Peter 4:19 (Parallel theme): Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

Luke 18:1 (Parallel theme): And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;