

## Doing Good to All People

Do you ever get tired of us taking up the offering? Frankly for some people one offering is one too many. We take the offering up every week here because God has commanded His people to be generous. Yet if we are not careful we can get resentful of the weekly offering. The offering like nothing else tests our obedience to God's Word and our faithfulness to Him. But sometimes we get weary. For those of you who might be feeling weary let me read you a passage of Scripture from Galatians 6:9,10 that says...

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people..”

Here is my take away from this passage that applies to all of us. First, if we continue doing that which is good God will bless us. It is almost as if the Apostle Paul who wrote this could read our minds. For sometimes we do get tired. You get tired of coming early to set up, or work in the parking lot or change another dirty diaper. You might think I have done my part it is someone else's turn. Or you might think I have given enough let someone else give. The promise of God's blessing here comes IF we don't give up. So keep serving and keep giving. A harvest will be there in the future for you.

The second take away starts with the word verse ten that says, “therefore.” When you the word therefore in Scripture you need to see what it is there for! That word connects what follows to the thought that preceded it. Paul says there WILL be a harvest and since there is a harvest, as you have opportunity do good to all people.

One way to not grow weary of our weekly offering is to realize all the good our offering accomplishes. Every week we try to share with you some story or tidbit of how a dollar given here impacts lives literally around the world. When I know that my gift makes a difference then I will see the offering not as an imposition but as an opportunity. Your gift is your opportunity to do good to all people.

At OUR CHURCH we take seriously the money you generously give us. We use it to extend the Kingdom of God not simply here within our walls but literally around the world. So, our usher will come forward for us to take up another offering. Let's not grow weary but continue to give knowing that our gifts are “do good to all people!”