

Gospel Lighthouse Church
8/25/24
Radical Renewal of the Mind #8: Relationship Discipleship
Word for Weariness

Text: Ro.12:1-2; Gal.6:9.

Introduction: The theme for 2024, “*Triunity*.”

Triunity: the state or quality of being threefold or triple. (Dictionary.Com). For GLC:

- Relational enhancement, Realignment for reaching out, Reorganizing for effective ministry/service impact. God wants to be with you, it's the heart of relationship and transformation discipleship. This requires renewal of the mind which causes transformation (presents tense, passive voice—change into another form or shape)—Ro.12:2.
- Renewal: renovation, complete change for the better.
- Transformed comes from the Greek word **metamorphoo**, metamorphosis is derived. It's a combination of two words, *meta* and **morphoo**. Meta – means change after being with. Compare—Acts 4:13.

Metamorphoo/transformed is an outward change that reflects an inner reality *after being* with someone.

The previous message addressed the commonality and reality of storms in our journey of discipleship.

- Commonality: shared experiences.

This message focuses on how handling weariness during this lifelong spiritual journey of transformational discipleship is critical to reaping. View Galatians 6:9 from two additional versions.

- **Phillips:** Let us not grow tired of doing good, for, unless we throw in our hand, the ultimate harvest is assured. (Phillips: Touchstone)
- **Wuest:** Let us not slacken our exertions by reason of the weariness that comes with prolonged effort in habitually doing that which is good. For in **a season which in its character is appropriate**, we shall reap if we do not become enfeebled through exhaustion and faint.

Meaning of weariness ([www. Galatians 6:9 Commentary | Precept Austin](http://www.Galatians6:9Commentary.com)):

- **Ekkakeo** was used of the farmer who was tempted to slacken his exertions because he had become so weary as a result of his prolonged effort.
- **Ekkakeo** means to lose one's motivation in continuing a particular activity.
- **Ekkakeo** means to be fainthearted or to faint or despond in view of trial or difficulty and it is always used with the negative particle. It means to lose one's motivation to accomplish some valid goal and so to become discouraged and give up.
- **Ekkakeo** conveys the idea of becoming exhausted and giving up and thus is the opposite of being “steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord” (1Co 15:58-note).

Three specifics identified in Galatians 6:9

1. Grow up but don't give up—don't allow weariness to grow (pres.tense) to the point of giving up.
 - **Rev.2:3**, weary-perfect tense—didn't allow weariness to grow over time—not become weary.
2. Guaranteed your **due** (Greek word **idios**, idiom and idiosyncrasy is derived). Personally, private and unique.
 - God has given you your own private period/due time to reap your harvest. A set or proper season (*karios*) for you.
3. Guard against things acting negatively on you; encouraging you to quit.
 - “Lose heart/faint”—v9c is a present passive in the Greek text, which means something/s acting on you continuously to dissolve the courage in you= a level of discouragement to give up.

Conclusion: Don't grow weary. The enemy wants you to do well for awhile, grow weary and give up. Being with Jesus will transform you into an all season's doer and reaper. The reason we're in the Kingdom is because Jesus refused to grow weary. He got weary but refused to let it grow and take authority and cause Him to give up-Heb12:3.

*Isa.40:28. JDF