

## Don't Give Up

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***“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9 (NIV)***

Failure is never final. You're never a failure until you quit, and it's always too soon to quit! You don't determine a person's greatness by his talent, his wealth, or his education. You determine a person's greatness by what it takes to discourage him.

So what does it take to discourage you from going after your dream? It may be as simple as a friend or relative or family member telling you, “I don't think that's a good idea.”

The Bible says in Galatians 6:9, *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”* (NIV). God says, “Just keep on keeping on.” I may not be real bright sometimes, but I don't know how to quit. I don't know how to give up.

God works in your life according to your faith. The Bible says, *“Without faith it's impossible to please God”* and *“According to your faith it will be done unto you.”* So what are you doing in faith? You need to ask yourself every day when you get up, “God, what can I do today that will require faith?” That's an important question, because that's what's going to please God.

There are a lot of things in your life you don't have control over. You didn't control who your parents were, when you were born, where you were born, or what your race or nationality is. You didn't control what gifts and talents you were given. You didn't decide how you look.

But you do have complete control over how much you choose to believe God. God uses people who expect him to act, who never give up, who take risks in faith, who get his dream and go after it. It's your choice whether you want to be the kind of person God uses to accomplish his purpose.

### **Talk It Over**

- What are the things that discourage you and keep you from pursuing your goals?
- How do you think God wants you to respond to those circumstances?
- What act of faith is God asking you to do today?

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