



Finding out and joining in?

- Changing our habits and hearing, seeing, smelling?
- Trying hard but not succeeding?
- Tried and tired?

The Cost of Following Jesus

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.” Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:57-62)



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 and 2 Thessalonians 3:13

In doing good, why
do we become weary?
Why do we give up?

Galatians 6:9



Renewal



- Consider Jesus
- Invest in the inner
- Engage with the process
- Understand seasons
- Become confident in competence

**STEPPING UP AND
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We do not **lose heart**. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. (2 Corinthians 4:16)

- **Consider Jesus**

Consider him who endured such opposition...so that you will not grow weary and **lose heart**. (Hebrews 12:3)

- **Invest in the inner**

...if one who sows to the Spirit [instead of the flesh] will reap eternal life from the Spirit ...we will reap at harvest time, if we do not **give up**. (Galatians 6:8 & 9)

- **Engage with the process**

Do not **lose heart** when [the Lord] rebukes you. (Hebrews 12:5)

- **Understand seasons**

...we will reap at harvest time, if we do not **give up**. (Galatians 6:9 NRSV)

- **Become confident in competence.**

Since through God's mercy he has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant we do not **lose heart**. (2 Corinthians 3:6 and 4:1)