

**“Don’t Give Up in 2024”**  
**Galatians 6:9**  
**January 7, 2024**

“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:12–14)

**Doing Good Can Be Wearisome**

“His commandments are not burdensome.” (1 John 5:3)

“Do not grow weary in doing good.” (2 Thessalonians 3:13)

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)

**But Don’t Give Up**

“Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never, never—in nothing, great or small, large or petty—never give in.” (Winston Churchill)

**Because Doing Good Pays**

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:8–10)

“The crown of life.” (James 1:12; Revelation 2:10)

“The inheritance of the saints in light.” (Colossians 1:12)

“New heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.” (2 Peter 3:13).

“Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.” (Hebrews 12:3)

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## Discuss

- What are some of the things that can make doing good wearisome for you? Can you explain what it means for you to think biblically about your heart exhaustion?
- Are there times when Christians need to repent of their spiritual tiredness? If so, when, and how?
- How would you describe to yourself or others what it means to not give up on following Jesus?
- Does doing good pay in this life, in eternity, or both? Can you give examples?
- What about the reward that God offers motivates you to keep going?
- What are one or more ways that you are hoping to spiritually grow in 2024?

## Read

Matthew 11:25–30; Philippians 3:12–21; 2 Thessalonians 3:6–15; Hebrews 12:1–11; 1 John 5:1–5

## Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will show you how you need to grow spiritually and give you the motivation to do it.
- That the Holy Spirit will help you to resist the temptation to spiritual weariness and giving up.

## Bulletin

- Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am
- Men's Breakfast: January 13 at 8:00am
- Exploring Membership: January 20 at 8:00am
- Members' Meeting: March 10 at 5:00pm