

Encouragement For Weary Christian Fathers
(Galatians 6:9)

Introduction

-From time to time true Christians _____ in doing good.

-A harvest of _____ is promised to those who persist in doing good.

John Brown: *“The great cause of weariness in well-doing is a deficiency in faith, and a corresponding undue influence of present and sensible things. Nothing is so much calculated to produce languor (lack of energy) as a suspicion that all our exertions are likely to be fruitless. And nothing is better fitted to dispel it than the assurance that our exertions shall certainly be crowned with success.”*

1) Do not become weary of _____ your children (Deuteronomy 6:6, 7; Proverbs 29:15; Ephesians 6:4; 2 Timothy 3:15).

Robert Lewis Dabney (Discussions: Evangelical and Theological, ‘Parental Responsibilities’ Vol 1, pp. 679, 680): *“The parent looks upon the tender face which answers to his caress with an infantile smile. He should see beneath that smile an immortal spark which he has kindled, but can never quench. It must grow, for weal or woe. It cannot be arrested. The parents have mysteriously brought it from darkness and nothing. There is no power beneath God’s throne that can remand it back to nothing, should existence prove a curse. Yes, the parents have lighted there an everlasting lamp, which must burn on when the sun shall have been turned into darkness and the moon into blood, either with the glory of heaven or the lurid flame of despair. Every parent now transmits to the child he loves, along with the gift of existence, the deadly disease of sin. He has conferred on them, unasked, the endowment of an endless, responsible existence. And he has been the sole instrument of conveying to this new existence the taint of original sin and guilt.”*

2) Do not become weary of _____ your children (Proverbs 19:18; 23:13).

3) Do not become weary of _____ for your children (Genesis 17:18; 1 Samuel 1:10f; Job 1:5).