

Don't Stop

2 Corinthians 4:1-10

Life And Ministry Have Trials

2 Corinthians 11:23-31

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

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2 Corinthians 11:23-31 - continued

27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

I. Don't Give Out (4:1)

2 Corinthians 4:1

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

I. Don't Give Out (4:1)

A. Realize God's mercy is meet for the ministry

1 Timothy 1:16

Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

B. Understand God's mercy gives a lively hope

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

I. Don't Give Out

C. Take a practical approach to not wear out

1. Take things day by day

2 Corinthians 4:16

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.

2. Do not burn out

Galatians 6:9

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

I. Don't Give Out

C. Take a practical approach to not wear out - continued

3. Wait on the Lord

Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

II. Don't Give In (4:2-7)

A. To the lies of the world

2 Corinthians 4:2

But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

B. To hide the gospel

2 Corinthians 4:3

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

II. Don't Give In (4:2-7)

C. And be blinded

2 Corinthians 4:4

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

D. To thinking that it is about you

2 Corinthians 4:5

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

II. Don't Give In (4:2-7)

E. And forget what God has done in you

2 Corinthians 4:6-7

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

III. Don't Give Up (4:8-10)

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

A. When troubles seem to bind you

B. When at a loss to know what to do

C. When everyone seems to be against you

D. When body slammed to the ground

III. Don't Give Up (4:8-10)

E. Remembering Christ did not give up

2 Corinthians 4:10

Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

Do Go

2 Timothy 4:7-8

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.