

Welcome, and Thank you, again! ...Walter York  
Speaker for today

**Our Prayer?**

**“I Want to be a Worker for the Lord”**

**“I want to love and trust His holy Word.  
I want to lead the erring in the Way  
That leads to heaven above,  
Where all is peace and love.  
I want to sing and pray, and  
Be busy every day  
In the kingdom of the Lord.”**

**November Birthdays**

10 Daniel Brown

**November Anniversaries**

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**“Let Us Not Lose Heart”**

By Bruce Evans

Day after day, it’s the same thing. Some might say it all becomes tedious but is that word ample to explain the monotony that everyday tasks take on. Consider the day after day, month after month of trying to first figure out what to make for meals; and those two or three times a day! Then after figuring out what to cook, comes the slicing, dicing and mixing. Then being careful to add just the right spices. Next comes the baking, grilling, air frying or whatever method of cooking is called for. All so wearisome. But what isn’t wearisome, is the eating. In fact, eating the food prepared is quite enjoyable and it is something we do day after day, month after month; and we don’t seem to get tired of it whatsoever.

Undoubtedly Paul was aware of how in life some things wear us down; especially those that are done over and over. To emphasize this point he uses the realm of sowing and reaping, which he knew could be tiresome, as he wrote to the brethren in Galatia the following. *“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will reap.”* (Galatians 6:7) In verse nine Paul wrote, *“And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary.”*

It can become difficult, and yes tedious at times, to love those who challenge us day after day. Equally wearisome is the constant need to be concerned for the welfare of others. But can anyone deny the absolute joy that is felt when we begin to witness the good of what has been sown? Yes, it may take considerable time in some cases to “reap what was sown”, but it is imperative not to lose heart. Because reaping the good of what we have sown, isn’t tedious whatsoever. Remember, in due season we shall reap, provided we don’t lose heart.

**Regular Meeting Times**

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

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Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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*“Therefore, we do not lose heart, but though the outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comprehension, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”* (2Corinthians 4:16-18)

Think back, how long did it take to prepare the dinner last Thanksgiving? How long did it take for friends and family to consume it, half an hour or so? Will you do it again this year? Yes. Will it take considerable time to prepare it? Again yes. While we have this life we need to constantly be about the process of sowing and reaping, all the while without losing heart.

*“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.”* (Colossians 3:15)

### **Saved to Serve**

Excerpts from article by David Hersey

To introduce this lesson, let us consider that enjoying and fulfilling our Christian relationship with God involves accepting the responsibilities inherent in that relationship.

The spiritual kingdom which we are members of is a realm of activity. we can see this evident in the various terms used to describe Christians.

We are described as being **branches by Christ** in John 15:1-8. Looking particularly at verses 5-6 we see that Jesus teaches us in this context that *“I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.”* Christians described as branches are expected to bear fruit. Jesus says those who do not will be burned.

**Christians are illustrated as farmers.** 2 Corinthians 9:6 *“But this I say, He which sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and*

*he which sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully.”* Farmers who expect to be successful are not idle. They, like Christians must work at it. Hard working Christians like farmers will sow and reap bountifully.

**Christians are described as soldiers.** 2 Timothy 2:3, *“Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that wars entangles himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.”* Soldiers have duties, they are expected to protect, defend and to serve.

**Christians are described as athletes.** 1 Corinthians 9:24, *“Know you not that they which run in a race run all, but one receives the prize? So run, that you may obtain.”* This is an illustration of dedication and perseverance.

**Christians are described as workers.** 1 Thessalonians 1:3, *“Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.”* Biblical faith is not passive. True faith is a work. Paul instructed Timothy to *“Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”* 2 Timothy 2:15. Paul told timothy to study so that he would be a good workman for the lord. Christians are workers for Christ.

**Christians are to be Laborers.** Matthew 9:37, *“Then saith he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.”* John 6:27 *“Labor not for the meat which perishes, but for that meat which endures unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him has God the Father sealed.”*

All these terms used to describe Christians represent action. Faithful Christian service is much more than just saying Lord, Lord. An examination of these terms used to describe members of the kingdom of Christ shows that we are expected to be fruitful and to be productive branches, we are to be like farmers who sow many seeds, we are to protect and defend the truth like good soldiers and we are to strive for the goal with patience and perseverance like the athlete, working and laboring in the service of Christ.