

# *It's Too Soon to Quit*

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**Big Idea:** The Apostle Paul exhorts us not to grow weary or give up in doing good (Galatians 6:9). You can do this by understanding five important lessons from Paul's teaching: (1) *What you sow determines what you reap*; (2) *seed sowing happens in many ways every day*; (3) *the quality and quantity of a harvest is determined by the quality and quantity of seed sown*; (4) *harvests happen in a field of commitment*; and (5) *good harvests require faith, patience and persistence*.

**Galatians 6:7-9 (NIV)** *Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. <sup>8</sup> Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup> 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 6:10 (NLT)** *Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith*

**Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)** *But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control.*

**1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)** *Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

## **Start Talking:**

What are some of the ways you try to regain energy when you're feeling weary physically?

## **Start Thinking:**

**Read Galatians 6:7-9.** What does it mean to "sow to please the Spirit"? How does this contrast with "sowing to please the flesh"?

**Read Galatians 6:10.** What are some practical ways you can "do good" to "the family of faith" (other believers)?

**Read Galatians 5:22-23.** How does living out the fruit of the Spirit described in these verses plant seeds for a good harvest in your life and the lives of others?

**Read 1 Timothy 5:8.** Why is it so important to make sure we're committed and responsible, by God's grace, to provide for our families the best we can, as part of sowing good seed?

## **Start Praying and Doing:**

Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in your heart and life a strong desire to please Him and not your own sinful nature.

Look for opportunities this week to sow good seed in your relationships in the family and among others God has put in your life. Believe that the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) will produce a good harvest of "righteousness, peace and joy" (Romans 14:17) in these relationships as you faithfully walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16).