

# **Don't Give Up On God**

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Have you ever felt like throwing in the towel when things were not going the way you expected? Did you every feel like giving up when things seem too hard for you to overcome? Have you ever felt like quitting because your fears told you that you wouldn't succeed? Or how about when it seemed like the promises of God would never come to existence, did you feel like giving up on God? To many people, the answers to these questions are yes, but for believers we should never give up on God because in Christ Jesus quitting is not an option.

According to the Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary 10<sup>th</sup> edition, quit means to give up and admit defeat. To quit on God would mean that one has been defeated by Satan. Satan's intention for the believer is to place spiritual warfare in ones life for the purpose of stunting the believer's growth and maturity in God. It is the will of Satan to relinquish the believer's faith and trust in Jesus Christ. The enemy is so skillful that he would use every trick possible to cause the believer to quit on God. He will try to cause doubt in the believers mind because he knows if the believer doubts God then he will not receive anything from God (James 1:6). The Bible says in Ephesians 6:11 "Put on the whole armor of God, so that ye will be able to stand against, the wiles of the devil." The enemy is coming with everything that he has to cause the believer to quit on God, but if the believer puts on the whole armor of God then he will be able to discern what is good and evil and defeat Satan with the Word of God.

Quitting is not an option, because if the believer quits on God, then he/she will lose the war against the enemy. Jesus went through the pain, suffering, and agony, without giving up on the will and plan of God. Jesus was nailed to the cross. He did not quit, but he held on and got the victory over Satan. As believers we have to be more like Christ. Quitting was not in Jesus blood and neither is it a part of the believer's bloodline because he/she is part of God's body. If the believer is a partaker of Christ then he/she is victorious and more than conquerors (Romans 8:37).

In conclusion, when the warfare against Satan comes, it is important to remember not to give into Satan, but trust in the Lord. It is vital that we trust, lean not to our own understanding, and acknowledge God. In return God will direct our path as it is written in Proverbs 3:5&6. He will not lead us to destruction, but he will lead us to victory. When we are going through life's circumstances or spiritual warfare, let us not quit, but network with God through the spirit and draw nearer to Him with a full assurance of faith by holding fast to Jesus Christ (Hebrews 10: 22&23). Romans 8:28 says "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." There is no reason to give up or quit on God because Jesus has everything covered.