

"But ye, Brethren, Be Not Weary In Well Doing." 2 Thessalonians 3:13 KJV

It is NOT a suggestion, but a Command! Trying to do God's Work without obedience to God's Word is impossible. *"Whatsoever is NOT OF FAITH IS SIN!"* The alarm rings and we wake from sleep weary. A snooze button or two later, a shower, some breakfast, and we begin the day, but do we rise early to spend time with God? Early rising must be purposed. It's not about how late you can stay up and still rise on time; it's about how early you must go to bed to rise in preparation for a day of obedient faith. Ben Franklin said, "Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise." Time with God, or its lack, indicates love of God or self. If you profess to love God, and ANYTHING is more important



than your rendezvous with God, you are a hypocrite and liar of the highest order! Let weariness hinder all else, but not faith. Obedience is the evidence and essence of faith. Weariness may exist, yes, but Jesus said, *"Come unto me (God's Word), all ye that labor and are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest."* Time spent in God's Word will refresh and be given back, *"pressed down, heaped up, and running over."* You'll get more done in fewer hours with God, than all of them without Him! Read God's Word as a personal letter from Him, if it is to make any difference at all! Mom used to seal herself in the bedroom every day for an hour or two, and God help the child who disturbed her! It was tiptoes and whispers until that door opened. We handled our own emergencies! Dad got up at four or five AM to study. I often awoke to hear the faint tap-tap-tap of his typewriter. If you skip time with God for anything else, it just became your idol! Even weariness must be brought to God. He has promised rest to all who come. Why plod wearily through life in my own strength when I have the Power of the universe available every day all day? God doesn't need our prayers as much as we need to pray, because it is a constant reminder of the God who cares, protects, and commands! You can cut a board with a handsaw or plug in the power saw. The right tools make ANY task a pleasure; the wrong tools make EVERY task a drudgery. We are told to put on the *"WHOLE armour of God,"* and pray *"ALWAYS."* God remembers we are dust and is *"able to succour (deliver) them that are tempted. Draw nigh to God (first, and then) resist the devil and he WILL flee."*

When you're tired and worn and weary,
Let Jesus Christ your solace be,
Let His strength be what you draw to,
Let His sweet rest your life renew. -CGP

Faith works in facts, not feelings. Give God your time AND emotions for you will never outgive God! Work; for *"the night cometh, when no man can work."* Heaven will be an eternal R & R for believers! While you're on earth, you're still in the trenches! *"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. Therefore, endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ!"* Either you are Christ's soldier or you are His enemy! Jesus said, *"He that is not with me is against me."* Who is your master? When you enjoy what you do, you never work again!

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into His Rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His (Creation). Let us labour therefore to enter into that Rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." Hebrews 4:9-11 KJV