



ARE YOU WEARY?

I used to know a pastor who would often say, "It's ok to get weary in the ministry but not weary of it." I noticed that Ray Morawski used it once or twice lately. I am also guilty of using it. But is this really so? We certainly should never get weary of our ministry but what about getting weary in it?

I am not referring to those occasional times when there is extra work to be done and we get tired. I am thinking about the situation where you routinely get weary doing your ministry. It is not Biblical to do so.

Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Galatians 6:9

But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good.

II Thessalonians 3:13

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30

Therefore . . . let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, . . . lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (edited)

You have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.

Revelation 2:3

There you have it! There is certainly sufficient Biblical evidence to show that the labor the Lord has called us to is not supposed to wear us down.

How do you avoid becoming weary in your ministry? I do not believe you have to worry about that. I do not

believe it is possible to become weary in your ministry.

If you are becoming weary on a routine business, it can mean only one thing - you are doing someone else's ministry in addition to (or in place of) the ministry God has given you. (Of course, maybe it really isn't a ministry at all - just works!) You are trying to do what the Lord did not give you to do.

OK, so what are the reasons why we may be doing someone else's ministry? One simple answer would be "because they are not doing it." "If they aren't doing it and I don't do it, who will?" I do not know the answer to that but I do know that the Lord does not bless things we do that He meant for others to do. If the Lord wants a certain ministry done, He is omnipotent and will see to it that the proper person does it.

Sometimes the reason that the proper person is not doing the ministry is because we have taken it from them. Perhaps we thought we knew how to do the ministry better than the other person and so thought we should be doing it. After all, doesn't the Lord want things done well? *Let all things be done decently and in order.*

I Corinthians 14:40

If we did not step in and do this ministry, perhaps the Lord would be able to move the person whose ministry it is into action and doing it. It is unlikely this will happen if you insist on doing it.

What of the case where, it would seem, there is no one to do the work? It has to be done! I say to this, "Does it?" If it really needs to be done, the Lord will provide someone to do it. If there is no one to do it, the Lord does not believe it needs to be done.

As Christians, our work is to do Christ's will. If someone could do it better, that makes no difference. We can and should do the ministry the Lord has given us to the best of our ability.

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