

feb 28

are you weary

"and let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." gal 6:9

have you ever felt like you're just pushing against an impenetrable wall? we give our money. we give our time. we give our understanding and compassion. are you tired of doing and giving with no visible results? i am reminded of a little phrase that i heard one time.

must i keep giving and giving away
no, said the Spirit, here's what you do.
just give 'til the Father stops giving to you.

the Lord said we would have tribulation in this world. He also said: "be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." john 16:33 all achievers in this world go beyond what is expected. they work harder, study more intensely and direct all their focus on what they seek most. "now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown." 1 cor 9:25

sometimes we may feel like the Lord has over estimated our strength to complete a task; to carry a burden. i am reminded of a little story.

a young man was at the end of his rope. seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer. "Lord, i can't go on," he said, "i have too heavy of a cross to bear." the Lord replied, "my son, if you can't bear its

weight, just place your cross inside this room. then, open that other door and pick out any cross you wish."

the man was filled with relief and said, "thank you, Lord," and he did as he was told. upon entering the other door, he saw many crosses, some so large the tops were not visible. then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "i'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.

and the Lord replied, "my son, that is the cross you just brought in." when life's problems seem overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. you may consider yourself far more fortunate than you imagined.

we might never know the cross someone else is carrying. remember the idiom about walking a mile in someone else's shoes. the Lord knows the strengths and weaknesses of each of us. like fingerprints or dna, no two of us are alike. we must trust that He is always working towards the best for us. the christian walk means to walk like He walked.

"we are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body." 2 cor 4:8-10

the Father is making many sons in the image of His first born. whatever stripes we bear or burdens we

must carry, they serve a purpose; a glorious purpose.
"but we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 cor 3:18 just keep walking and keep gazing and let your weary turn into worship.