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“Doing Good”
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Galatians 6:7

⁷Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Galatians 6:9-10

⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

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Do Good (aka "Well-Doing")

2008 Social Responsibility Emphasis – Part 4

INTRODUCTION

We are so results driven. If we invest our time, energy, emotion, and resources into some project, ministry or relationship, we expect results. When results don't come, we often grow discouraged and weary. Christians are called to do good to all people, to serve neighborhoods, to love outcasts, to preach the gospel. These are big tasks. What happens if believers get discouraged and want to quit? Why and how should Christians overcome that? Keep reading.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some "do good" things BCEC people are involved in?
2. When participating in those ministries or relationships, do we get discouraged if we don't see results after some time?
3. Read Galatians 6:9. How can you tell when a person becomes weary in a ministry or relationship (or anything for that matter)?
4. What would make someone think about giving up on a ministry, project, or relationships, especially if that thing would be good for people?
5. Read Galatians 6:7, 9. How does that encourage believers to not grow weary in doing good?
6. Read Galatians 6:10. What unique opportunities do you have to do good in your life situation?
7. Galatians 6:10 tells us to do good to all people, but especially other believers. Why is this commanded and how can this group specifically do you good?

GOING DEEPER

Only a belief in a sovereign God provides encouragement when we don't see results. People could minister for years to broken neighborhoods and families before seeing changes. The assurance that we will eventually reap what we sow is vital for Christians engaged in the messy issues of life. It's natural to be discouraged, but we must fight that with God's promise.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Share with someone in your group this week about something you've grown weary in doing good.

Or, share a need you have with someone in your group this week so they can take the opportunity to do you good. A group that meets each other's needs will be more effective at meeting needs out in the world.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

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