

Sermon Notes - July 12, 2022
“Don’t Give Up” – Galatians 6:9
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Outline:

I. Consider Israel and Gideon—Judges 6, 7, 8

- A. Beaten Down, but Praying—6:7
- B. “*Valiant*” without Victory... Yet—6:12
- C. “*Weary yet pursuing...*”—8:4
- D. Winning God’s Way—8:28

II. David in the Dark: “*Wait for the LORD*”—Psalm 27:14

- A. For Times of Darkness—Psalm 27:1-3
- B. For Times of Desertion—Psalm 27:4-10
- C. For Times of Despair—Psalm 27:13-14

III. Jesus and Paul Give Wise Counsel

- A. Jesus said Shine—Matthew 5:16
- B. Do Good God’s Way: He Defeats evil—Romans 12:21
- C. We can get tired of helping people, but we don’t have to—Galatians 6:9-10 and 2 Thessalonians 3:13

IV. Jesus said Never Give in to Evil—Luke 18:1-8

- A. Trust the Lord “*at all times*”—Luke 18:1
- B. *Alert!*—Evil is Here—Luke 18:1
- C. Keep on Praying—Luke 18:1
- D. Don’t Think God is Not Listening or Not Working—Luke 18:1-8
- E. God the Father Will Answer—Luke 18:7-8

V. Persevere! Don’t Give Up.

- A. Because Jesus persevered, we can persevere—Hebrews 12:2-3
- B. All Creation groans and we are persevering, waiting for fulfilled Redemption—Romans 8:23-25
- C. We have a Guarantee from God Himself—His Spirit—Ephesians 1:13-14

How Do I Not Give Up? Give In? Give Out?

1. Jesus is *With* Us “*all the days.*” We are never alone.
2. Keep *focusing* on the Father. He knows we are children.
3. Keep *following* the Lord Jesus. He is the Shepherd.
4. Keep *listening* to the Spirit. He is Here to Help.
5. Keep *reading* and *praying* His Word. It’s Pure.
6. Stay *Ready* for His *Return*. He is Coming!
7. There Will Be *Rest* and *Rewards!* You have no idea how awesome!