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If We Do Not Give Up

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Revelation 12:11-12

¹¹ They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.¹² Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.”

Matthew 24:12-13

¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,¹³ but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Ephesians 5: 15-17

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—
not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶ making the
most of every opportunity, because the
days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be
foolish, but understand what the
Lord's will is.

Isaiah 41:10

¹⁰ So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Quote

What we are today is due to what we
did yesterday.

2 Corinthians 5:10

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

1 Samuel 30:6

⁶ David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the LORD his God.

Quote

“Most misunderstandings in the world could be avoided if people would simply take the time to ask, ‘What else could this mean?’” S.A.

Quote

We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them. - Albert Einstein

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

Quote

But what we are tomorrow will be due
to what we do today.

Galatians 6:7

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

Reminder

Sow yesterday Harvest today,
Sow today Harvest tomorrow.

What causes us to want to give up?

- ◆ Lack of results
- ◆ Apathy of others
- ◆ Failure
- ◆ Rejection
- ◆ Loss
- ◆ Criticism
- ◆ Comparisons

Galatians 6:8-9

⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

1 Corinthians 15:57-58

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Things to remember:

- ◆ God gives us the victory
- ◆ We will stand firm
- ◆ We will let nothing move us
- ◆ We will give ourselves fully to His work
- ◆ Our labor is not in vain

John 21:1-14

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

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⁵ He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered.⁶ He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.

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9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.”¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.