

THE BULWARK

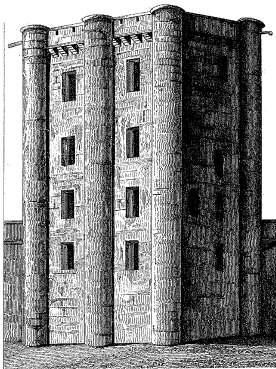
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*“Mark well her bulwarks,
consider her palaces, that
you may tell it to the
generation following”*
Psalms 48:13

“LET US NOT LOSE HEART”

Day after day, it’s the same thing. Some might say it all becomes tedious, but is that word really ample to explain the monotony that everyday tasks take on. Consider the day after day, month after month of trying to first figure out what to make for meals; and that two or three times a day! Then after figuring out what to cook, comes the slicing, dicing and mixing. Then being careful to add just the right spices. Next comes the baking, grilling, air frying or whatever method of cooking is called for. All so wearisome. But what isn’t wearisome, is the eating. In fact eating the food prepared is quite enjoyable and it is something we do day after day, month after month; and we don’t seem to get tired of it whatsoever.

Undoubtedly Paul was aware of how in life some things wear us down; especially those that are done over and over. To emphasize this point he uses the realm of sowing and reaping, which he knew could be tiresome, as he wrote to the brethren in Galatia the following. *“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will reap.”* (6:7) In verse nine Paul wrote, *“And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary.”*

It can become difficult, and yes tedious at times, to love those who challenge us day after day. Equally wearisome is the constant need to be concerned for the welfare

of others. But can anyone deny the absolute joy that is felt when we begin to witness the good of what has been sown? Yes, it may take considerable time in some cases to “reap what was sown”, but it is imperative not to lose heart. Because reaping the good of what we have sown, isn’t tedious whatsoever. Remember, in due season we shall reap, provided we don’t lose heart.



“Therefore we do not lose heart, but though the outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comprehension, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.” (2Corinthians 4:16-18)

Think back, how long did it take to prepare the dinner last Thanksgiving? How long did it take for friends and family to consume it, half an hour or so? Will you do it again this year? Yes. Will it take considerable time to prepare it? Again yes. While we have this life we need to constantly be about the process of sowing and reaping, all the while without losing heart.

“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.” (Colossians 3:15) (wbe)