

Don't Give Up. Don't Quit! Move on!

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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Reflection: Are you in a period of discouragement? Are you tempted to say that you are just going to quit?

When the Devil attacks us in some aspects of our lives, it might be easy to give up and let him have the victory, but that is not what we are supposed to do.

During tough situations, some people stop praying and give up on other people, their jobs, etc. because they have lost hope and feel like the situation is never going to get better.

Remember, the Lord would never allow us to have trials beyond our capacity.

There will be temptation to give up for it is not easy, especially when we are surrounded by fiery trials. What we should do is rejoice (1 Pt. 4:12-13) in the midst of fiery trials and keep in mind that real Christians are tested just as gold is tested by fire.

When you feel like giving up, remember that the Word of God answers the question: How do we hold on when we feel like giving up?

4 Keys to Find the Strength to Persevere When You Feel Like Giving Up:

1. Understand that God is in control.

- Let us trust in God's power and place our hope in Him (Ps. 9:1-9).
- No matter how hopeless, painful, discouraging the circumstances that you are in, God is in control.
- No matter what we are going through because of this pandemic, God is in control.
- Not only is God in control, but also, has a purpose and that purpose does not involve His children giving up, living in despair and panic.

- We may not always understand the reason or the purpose but that is when our faith in God kicks in. Faith that a loving and an all-knowing God is in control and working in our lives.

2. The Lord can do all things and no plan of His can be thwarted.

- The Lord plans to prosper us and not to harm us. He plans to give us hope and a future (Jer. 29:11).
- Though God does not change, sometimes His plans do. He changes his plans based upon the actions of His people (Ezek. 33).
- God's plan for us is stopped by the choices we make. We need to get beyond our selfishness and self-will and follow His will for if we do not, when hardship comes, we will give up.

3. Trust in God's power.

- God will always make a way for us. He made heaven and earth with His great power. Nothing is too hard for Him. He specializes in accomplishing the impossible.
- God is able to do whatever it takes to fulfill His plans in our lives. All we need to do is to trust in His power.

4. Place your hope in Christ.

- Put your hope in God not in your parents, spouse, children, money or anything that is not eternal.
- Our true hope is Jesus, the only one who will never let us down.
- In the midst of everything that looks hopeless, God offers us joy, peace, hope (Rom. 15:13).

When things look bad and there seems to be no hope, Don't give up. Don't quit! Move on! Turn to Jesus. Take authority over the enemy. Satan has no power against us. Against Jesus, Satan is defeated.

Do you feel like giving up? Know that all of this is just a test. There is hope for tomorrow.

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