

Dear Sojourner

Galations 6:9 And let us **not be weary** in well doing: **for in due season** we shall reap, if we faint not.

Ecclesiastes 11:6 In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

Today the sun is shining making 8 inches of snow look beautiful. The temperature is 15 degrees so it is not melting, just glistening. My neighbor used his large farm tractor to plow my long and steep driveway. Although this is the winter season it is springtime in my heart.

Thirty Five years ago we stood on the land that borders this neighbor, ready to turn the first spade of ground to build our Church. He walked up to me and said: "I didn't invite you out here and I don't want you out here." Those were the only words he said and walked back home.

Today, 35 years later, he plowed my driveway. I am a very happy man. My time has come. I have proved again the value of not being weary in well doing. God's Word is true. I am reaping.

The key to this God given lesson is to "not be weary." Don't ever give up. Nothing is too hard for the Lord.

### **How to think. God's Word is a command to Himself.**

This thinking characteristic is birthed in your character. It comes from searching the Bible. The Bible teaches distinct Godly mind thoughts. You learn what to think, what to allow, what to do, what to say, at the same time not wanting nor trying to bend the rules of His Word.

When God speaks a Word it becomes an **obligation to Him** for all generations. He will fulfill His self imposed command. It is God's perfect way of doing things. Faith in His Word is faith in Him. Faith in God requires that you love Him with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. Everything God does is for receiving our love and praise. God owns the cattle on a thousand hills but it is the love of His child that moves His heart. Studying His Word attracts the love of God.

Jeremiah 29:13 And ye shall seek me, **and find me**, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Isaiah 45:11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands **command ye me**.

We command God by making a **request**. When I was 18 years old (1948) and in the Air Force I went on furlough for two weeks. I wired my Base – "I **want** an extension of one week" - I was denied. I hurried back to Base. I missed my train in Indianapolis at midnight by 5-minutes and had to wait until midnight the following day for the next train. I had no money. I drank water from the fountain and read every sign on the wall twice. When I arrived back at Base the Sergeant said: Friend, the next time you ask for an extension use the word **"request"** and not the word **"want."** I had offended the rank of the Sergeant and he denied me.

Psalms 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Our request to God, to obtain a command of His, comes from a child who loves his father. God said ~ In these things I delight. Our request for love is a command to the heart of God.

Jeremiah 9:24 But let him that glorieth **glory in this**, that he understandeth and knoweth **me**, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: **for in these things I delight**, saith the LORD.

Because I love Him the joy of the Lord is my strength. That joy He will not withhold from me.