

# Reaching the Goal

*“Let us not become weary in doing good,  
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”  
Galatians 6:9 (NIV)*

**A**s a child I had a natural curiosity about everything. I recall my desire to have my own small garden.

My mother, who always planted an abundance of flowers around our home, gave me a packet of pansy seeds and a place to plant them. I recall being tremendously excited as I dug the holes under my mother's guidance. I carefully watered the ground after burying my precious seeds.

The next morning I bounded down the stairs to see the flowers in my little garden. What a disappointment I had that there was nothing to show for yesterday's efforts.

I did not understand, so I thought I should dig the seeds up in case I had planted them upside down. I dug some seeds up and they looked normal but did not show significant signs of growth.

Little did I realize that patience was needed in order to see the results of my work.

But how could a little fellow be patient? Instant gratification was what I desired and in various situations in my life that was what I got.

If I wanted to read (I read several books a week at that time) I just went to the library and got some to bring home and devour.

If I was hungry I could ask for food and my parents would give me something. But waiting for the flowers to grow was like waiting for Christmas.

In life, as adults, we may sometimes act like little children and be impatient as we wait for certain things to happen. We have learned from infancy to be impatient, to cry when hungry and discover we will be fed. We learned to cry when we needed changing and it happened quickly. We have been conditioned to be impatient and desirable results usually follow.

But God calls on us to be patient. We are told to wait for the good to come from an

undesirable situation that we would rather have instantly removed. In Psalm 37:7 (NIV) we read,

*“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him...”*

This should be the believer's goal always, to wait for God to deal with the undesirable situation. He has promised to act so trust in Him and wait for the unhappy situation to be resolved.

God is worth waiting for always. We need to remember that. For those who follow Jesus the road may seem difficult and sometimes dark. Keep in mind that you are never out of God's sight. Remember what the Psalmist David said in Psalm 138:8 (NIV),

*“The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me.”*

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