

When the Enemy Tempts You to Give Up the Good Fight

Not to give up is a decision we all have to make from time to time. And it can be one of the hardest decisions we will ever have to make. Continuing to fight the enemy is real tough, and it takes every ounce of faith within you to do so, especially when dealing with life-and-death situations.

For Christians, we know if we die, we pass into eternity with Christ, and that is a wonderful occasion. But we need to ask ourselves if we've fulfilled God's destiny for us on this earth? And does the situation line itself up with the Word of God?

Does God take people from this earth with sickness and disease? According to the Scriptures, Jesus was whipped to heal us from all sickness and disease.

But [in fact] He has borne our griefs, and He has carried our sorrows *and* pains; yet we [ignorantly] assumed that He was stricken, struck down by God and degraded *and* humiliated [by Him]. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our wickedness [our sin, our injustice, our wrongdoing]; The punishment [required] for our well-being *fell* on Him, and by His stripes (wounds) we are healed (Isa. 53:4-5, AMP).

Does our Lord remove people from this earth through tragedy? The following verse from John 10:10 tells us that Jesus comes to give us life and life in abundance. Tragedy is not life or life in abundance. But this verse does tell us who is responsible for such grief, "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]" (John 10:10).

Is it the Father's plan that people die while young, or prematurely? What does His Word tell us? "For I know the plans that I have for you, says the Lord, plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jer. 29:11). Premature death robs people from their future, so it does not come from God.

So when the enemy tempts you to give up the good fight of faith, don't listen to him. Instead call upon the strength of the Lord when you feel weak and allow His strength to take over for you. Remember, not to give up is a decision. {eo}

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