

Stay Energized in Christ (Mantente Energizado en Cristo)  
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Don't grow weary in well doing...

I prefer to say "stay energized in your mission in Christ"

Because there have been studies that show that the subconscious mind does not register the word "not"

It hears "weary" instead of "don't grow weary," for example.

I want to speak to every corner of our minds today, so I am rephrasing this concept as Stay Energized...

Of course, saying "Don't grow weary" is also powerful because that is what the Scripture says...

Galatians 6:9

**7** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. **8** For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. **9** And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. **10** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

\*\*\*We talked about Christ's promise of renewal last week...

When you feel tired, you have to seek His renewal...

When you get frustrated with your mission, seek God for His renewal...

As we discussed last week, He will manifest His refreshing in your life if you seek Him for it with the right heart...

Acts 3:19

**19** Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

John 16:23-24

**23** "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. **24** Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

\*\*\*Keep yourself under the blood of Jesus Christ...

Pray not just for healing but for well being for you and your loved ones in spirit, soul, and body...

Don't just focus on physical health and financial prosperity, but focus even more on salvation of the soul...

God's Rapid Vitamins...

Even in the midst of COVID, God has blessed me to re-vamp my prayer life...

\*\*\*Another strategy that will help us not to get tired and stay energized is  
To remember that It is a privilege and an honor to be used by God...

Acts 5:12-41

**12** And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. **13** Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. **14** And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, **15** so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. **16** Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

### **Imprisoned Apostles Freed**

**17** Then the high priest rose up, and all those who *were* with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with [a]indignation, **18** and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. **19** But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, **20** "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

**21** And when they heard *that*, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the [b]council together, with all the [c]elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

### **Apostles on Trial Again**

**22** But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, **23** saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing [d]outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!" **24** Now when [e]the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. **25** So one came and told them, [f]saying, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!"

**26** Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. **27** And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council. And the high priest asked them, **28** saying,

“Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man’s blood on us!”

**29** But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men. **30** The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. **31** Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. **32** And we are His witnesses to these things, and *so also is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

### **Gamaliel’s Advice**

**33** When they heard *this*, they were furious[g] and plotted to kill them. **34** Then one in the council stood up, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in respect by all the people, and commanded them to put the apostles outside for a little while. **35** And he said to them: “Men of Israel, [h]take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men. **36** For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, [i]joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing. **37** After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed. **38** And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; **39** but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found to fight against God.”

**40** And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. **41** So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for [j]His name.

&&&Because it is a privilege and honor to be used by God, we should  
Be thankful for every time and every way that God uses you...  
He will not always use you...

### Acts 16:6-10

**6** Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in [a]Asia. **7** After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the [b]Spirit did not permit them. **8** So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. **9** And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” **10** Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Not even the Lord Jesus was able to work a lot of miracles every where He went...

Mark 6:1-6

**6** Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. **2** And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing *Him* were astonished, saying, “Where *did* this Man *get* these things? And what wisdom *is* this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! **3** Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” So they were offended at Him.

**4** But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.” **5** Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed *them*. **6** And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

\*\*\*Another strategy for staying energized in the mission the Lord Jesus has given us for this life is learning how to handle suffering...

###Suffering includes failures and disappointments...

For example, We see here that sometimes people don't receive because they don't have faith or belief that the Lord Jesus will bless them...

At the same time, it is important to remember that sometimes the people who are ministering are the ones with a lack of belief or faith...

So it is very important that we never blame sick or hurting people for not receiving the manifestation of prayer right away...

Blaming them just hurts them more and can be considered a form of emotional abuse...

When we abuse and blame people, we are in sin, and God cannot bless us the way He would like to...

Galatians 5:6

**6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

Isaiah 1:19-20

If you are willing and obedient,

You shall eat the good of the land;

**20**

But if you refuse and rebel,  
You shall be devoured by the sword”;  
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

One of the blessings that we will probably not receive is God’s renewal in our lives...  
So we will grow weary instead of having the energy we need to achieve Christ’s  
mission for our lives...

Matthew 17:14-21

**14** And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, **15** “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is [c]an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. **16** So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.”

**17** Then Jesus answered and said, “O [d]faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” **18** And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

**19** Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”

**20** So Jesus said to them, “Because of your [e]unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. **21** [f]However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

We should always remember that we should treat others the way we would want to be treated...

Part of that is not taking our frustrations out on them...

Even when things don’t turn out the way we expected...

Matthew 7:12

**12** Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Galatians 5:22-23

**22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** [g]gentleness, self-control.

Moreover, kindness, goodness, and gentleness are all part of the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

As followers of Christ, who are temples of the Holy Spirit, we should not be rough with people...

Firmness is not the same as roughness...

For example, you can impose discipline on a child without being rough with them...

Look at God's example with the Israelites...

He disciplined them when they complained about entering the Promised Land...

He was firm with that discipline...

But at the same time, He never left them, and He constantly provided for them...

Nehemiah 9:9-21

"You saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt,  
And heard their cry by the Red Sea.

**10**

You showed signs and wonders against Pharaoh,  
Against all his servants,  
And against all the people of his land.

For You knew that they acted [c]proudly against them.

So You made a name for Yourself, as *it is* this day.

**11**

And You divided the sea before them,  
So that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land;  
And their persecutors You threw into the deep,  
As a stone into the mighty waters.

**12**

Moreover You led them by day with a cloudy pillar,  
And by night with a pillar of fire,  
To give them light on the road  
Which they should travel.

**13**

"You came down also on Mount Sinai,  
And spoke with them from heaven,  
And gave them just ordinances and true laws,  
Good statutes and commandments.

**14**

You made known to them Your holy Sabbath,

And commanded them precepts, statutes and laws,  
By the hand of Moses Your servant.

**15**

You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger,  
And brought them water out of the rock for their thirst,  
And told them to go in to possess the land  
Which You had [d]sworn to give them.

**16**

“But they and our fathers acted [e]proudly,  
Hardened[f] their necks,  
And did not heed Your commandments.

**17**

They refused to obey,  
And they were not mindful of Your wonders  
That You did among them.  
But they hardened their necks,  
And [g]in their rebellion  
They appointed a leader  
To return to their bondage.  
But You *are* God,  
Ready to pardon,  
Gracious and merciful,  
Slow to anger,  
Abundant in kindness,  
And did not forsake them.

**18**

“Even when they made a molded calf for themselves,  
And said, ‘This *is* your god  
That brought you up out of Egypt,’  
And worked great provocations,

**19**

Yet in Your manifold mercies  
You did not forsake them in the wilderness.  
The pillar of the cloud did not depart from them by day,  
To lead them on the road;  
Nor the pillar of fire by night,  
To show them light,  
And the way they should go.

**20**

You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them,  
And did not withhold Your manna from their mouth,  
And gave them water for their thirst.

**21**

Forty years You sustained them in the wilderness;  
They lacked nothing;  
Their clothes did not wear out  
And their feet did not swell.

###Beyond failure and disappointment, when we speak of suffering,  
We should always ask God to give us wisdom to handle suffering...

We should not seek suffering...  
The Lord Jesus wants us to use wisdom...

Matthew 10:16

**16** “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless[f] as doves.

However, we should expect to have some suffering in our lives as followers of Christ...

Luke 9:23-26

**23** Then He said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross [b]daily, and follow Me. **24** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. **25** For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? **26** For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His *own* glory, and *in His* Father’s, and of the holy angels.

We have to have faith that when we suffer, even when we don’t understand the purpose for that suffering, that God will turn even that suffering into a blessing...

Romans 8:28,35-39

**28** And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. **29** For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. **30** Moreover whom He predestined, these He also



called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

### **God's Everlasting Love**

**31** What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? **32** He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? **33** Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. **34** Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **36** As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long;  
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

**37** Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. **38** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, **39** nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.