



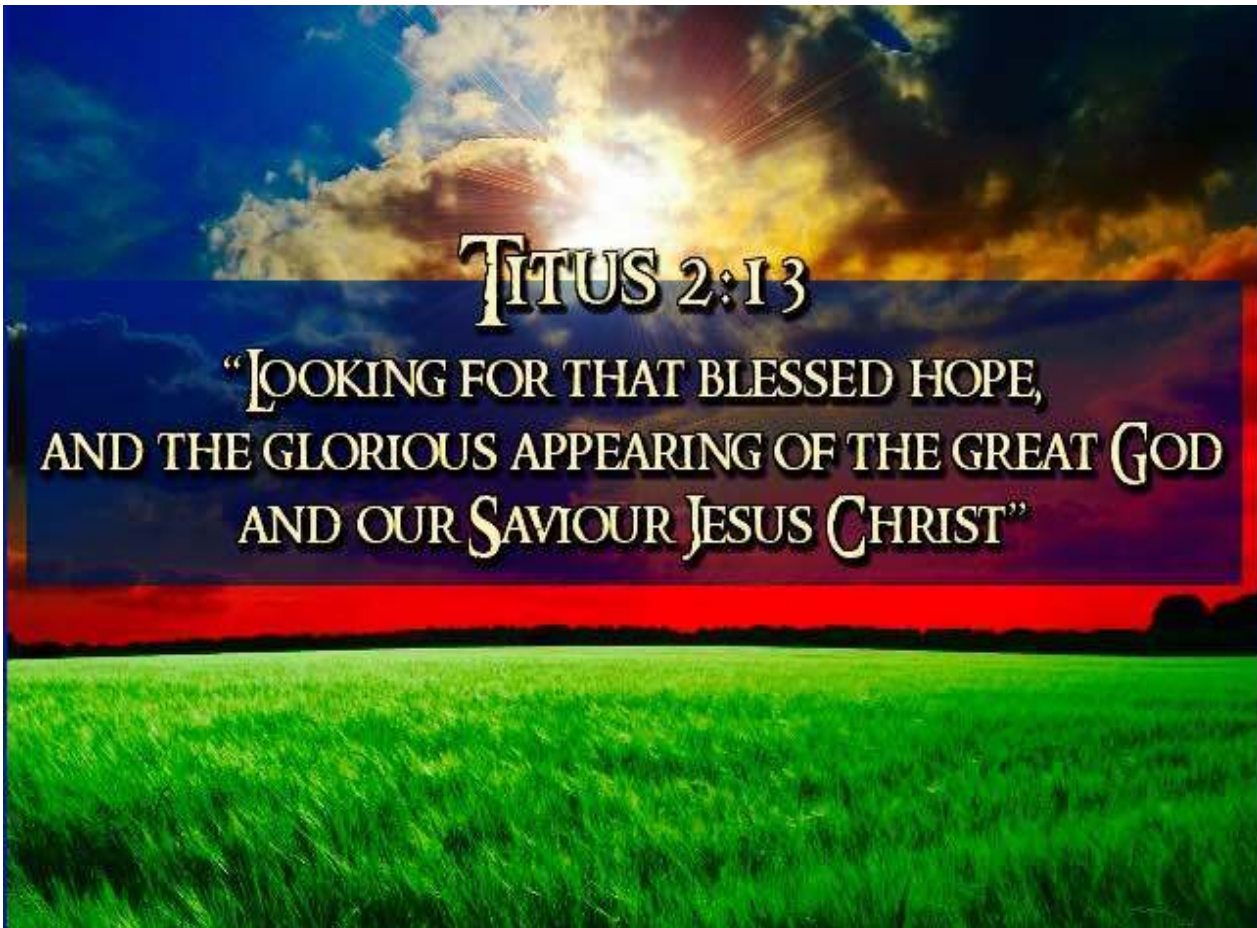
### Today's Sermons

Morning: To the Far Country & Back  
Evening: Let Us Run With Endurance

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**Times of Services:**

Sunday

Bible Study:... 10:00am  
AM Worship:...11:00am  
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Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

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Sunday:.....7:30am  
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**We Extend A  
Warm & Cordial  
Welcome  
To All Our  
Visitors!**

**"IN DUE SEASON, WE SHALL REAP,  
IF WE FAINT NOT"**

Roger D. Campbell

The unmistakable theme of Galatians 6:7-9 is "Sowing and Reaping." In these three verses, the word "sow" is used three times, while the word "reap" is employed four times. This section begins with the words, "*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap*" (6:7), and it closes with the words of the title of our article.

A person must choose: will he sow to the flesh and reap corruption, or will he sow to the Spirit and reap everlasting life? (6:8). You and I understand that even if we choose wisely and determine to sow to the Spirit (6:8) and "do good" (6:10), it is not an easy road to travel. Satan hurls obstacles our way. It is easier to quit than persevere. Thus, the instruction is given: "*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not [if we do not lose heart, NKJV]*" (6:9).

I want to reap the Lord's blessing, don't you? By "reap" I do not mean earn or deserve, but rather by grace be the recipient of God's blessing. I want to reap His blessing in this life and then eternal life in the world to come (Mark 10:30), don't you? There is a time to teach and command what God says (1 Timothy 4:11). There is a time to warn (1 Thessalonians 5:14). There is a time to reprove and rebuke (2 Timothy 4:2). But, there is also a time to exhort. The words of Galatians 6:9 contain an exhortation coupled with a promise or statement of fact. Look again: "*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*"

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The Bible makes it clear that our reaping (that is, our *desired* reaping) is conditional upon our not fainting or losing heart. We have entered the race, so now we must continue to “*run well*” (Galatians 5:7). We have enlisted in His army, so now we must keep on being “*a good soldier of Jesus Christ*” (2 Timothy 2:3). We have been born into God’s family, so now we must continue to be “*obedient children*” (1 Peter 1:14). We have entered the Lord’s work force, so now we must keep on being “*steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord*” (1 Corinthians 15:58). We made a wise decision when we obeyed the gospel (Romans 6:3,4), but now we must set our hearts to “*keep the faith*” and “*finish the course*” (2 Timothy 4:7).

The *Book of Hebrews* gives strong exhortation to all Christians to hold fast their commitment. To do that, of course, we must not faint or lose heart. Note these passages from the *Hebrews* epistle (all underlining below is mine, *rdc*):

“But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end” (3:6).

“For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end” (3:14).

“ . . . let us hold fast our profession” (4:14).

“ . . . shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end” (6:11).

“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)” (10:23).

Brother or sister, whatever your role in life or in the church might be, do not lose heart! Your road to heaven may include rocks, valleys, and gorges, but do not grow weary in doing what is right! Satan will tempt you to throw in the towel, but you must press on, looking always to Jesus and our ultimate goal of being in heaven with Him forever (Hebrews 12:2). Aren’t we glad that He did not lose heart and give up when He endured such undeserved, merciless treatment at the hands of wicked men?

Pastors, do not lose heart. Your work is bearing fruit, and the faithful appreciate you. We need you to keep at it, ever watching for our souls (Hebrews 13:17). Deacons, do not grow weary in serving. Your efforts are a much-needed part of the work of the church, and discerning saints are grateful for you. Bible class teachers, you have influence on those whom you teach. You may not see it from one class session to the next, but you are doing a great work. Those who understand your efforts thank God for you. Do not lose heart. Dads and moms, kids are a great blessing, but we all know that at times they can also be a hair-pulling challenge. Hang in there, teach them the truth, live that truth before them, be patient with them, and great will be your reward.?

In many ways, I am what some folks call “old school.” I still like stories with a happy ending. Do you, too? Will your life and mine have a happy ending? By that, I mean will we reap eternal life? We will IF – IF we keep at it and do not grow weary in well doing.

## Warm Weather and Immodest Dress ~ Bobby Duncan

As the weather warms up, we generally wear less clothing and/or lighter clothing. There is nothing wrong with adjusting our clothing to fit the weather, so long as our clothing adequately covers our bodies. The fashion of the world, of course, is to wear scantily provocative clothing, especially when the weather is warm. Unfortunately, some in the church will be influenced more by the fashion of the world than they are by the word of the Lord.

Your Bible says: “[I will therefore] that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety...” (I Timothy 2:9). Certainly the same is required of men. In case some woman wants to know what modest apparel is, then she should read verse 10: “But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.” It is modest if it is becoming (appropriate, suitable, proper) to women professing godliness.

It is a fact that times have changed, and styles have changed, and society has changed, but the word of God has not changed and human nature has not changed. Several years ago a well-known preacher wrote the following: “What is wrong with mixed swimming? I can’t speak for the ladies, but I can speak for the men. There’s not an ordinary man who can look at a woman clad in nothing but a bathing suit for a long time without entertaining evil thoughts. ‘But’, some will say, ‘it does not bother me.’ One who says that may be so young that his passions have not arisen, or he may be so old they have subsided, or he may be so ignorant he doesn’t know what is going on, or he may not be normal, or he may be lying. He fits into one of these five categories, or he is a spiritual giant; but spiritual giants don’t spend their time at mixed swimming parties.”

Our Lord warned against looking and lusting when he said: “Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: but I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart” (Matthew 5:27-28).

I know there are those who accuse anyone who warns against the evils of immodest dress of being “evil-minded.” This accusation has intimidated many preachers and caused them to stop preaching against immodest dress. I pray I might never be intimidated by such charges. I hasten to say also that the danger of lust is not the only reason Christians should dress modestly and decently. The matter of our good influence should be weighed carefully in determining how we are to dress.

In the forty-odd years I have been preaching I guess I have heard all the arguments as to why the Bible injunction with reference to modesty does not have to be obeyed: “Nobody thinks about it anymore.” “In some cultures the women go bare-breasted.” “Time was when a woman was immodest if her ankle showed.” “Some are going to lust anyway.” And on, and on, and on the arguments go. But the real reason most members of the church persist in wearing clothing that is less than modest and decent is simply this: God’s will is not important enough for them to yield their own will to him.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 11 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship
- June 23-24 – Tent Meeting in Lansing
- June 25 – Song Service
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell