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***Back to the Basics:  
Don't Quit!***

At different times in life, all of us are tempted to give up or quit.

- In relationships
- In school
- In suffering
- In right living - *Psalm 73:13*
- Even, in ministry – (cp. *Psalm 74:9b*)

**WHAT** does God say about these things?

*Galatians 6:7-10 (p. 1,774).*

The law of the harvest – “You reap what you sow!”

**WHY** should we not give up? “...we will reap a harvest...”

**WHEN** will we reap the harvest? “...at the proper time...”

**If** we do not give up...

*(James 5:7-12 ~ p. 1,844)*

**HOW** can we keep from giving in to giving up?

*(Hebrews 11:1-12:3 ~ pp. 1,833-35)*

*“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see” (11:1).*

*“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (11:6)*

Get rid of whatever hinders you

Get rid of sin – this holds you back

Run with endurance

FIXING YOUR EYES ON JESUS ~ CONSIDER JESUS

What about those who seemingly will never believe?

*(2 Corinthians 4:1-6)*

### **Questions for Discussion**

1. Why is it so easy for people to quit?
2. Describe a time when you quit and later regretted it; or when you persevered and later you were glad you did.
3. How does the “law of the harvest” help us so that we do not give in when tempted to quit? What does this have to do with the description of faith in Hebrews 11:1?
4. How might fixing our thoughts on Jesus make a difference when we are tempted to give up?
5. In 2 Corinthians 4:6, Paul spoke about the God who shines his light in our hearts. What might this have to do with giving up (mentioned in v. 1) and with the eyes of people being blinded by the devil (verse 4)?
6. How can you help someone else who has given up or is being tempted to do so?