

New Year, New You

Part 3: When You Feel Like Giving Up



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So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere, so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised. For, in just a little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay. (Hebrews 10:35-37)

Angela Duckworth asked the question, "Why do successful people succeed?" Here's what she found: It wasn't talent. It wasn't luck. It wasn't I.Q. It was A.Q. The Adversity Quotient. It wasn't how smart they were; it was how much adversity they could overcome.

"Don't Stop on Six!"

Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go out or in. But the Lord said to Joshua, "I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors. You and your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six days. Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram's horn. On the seventh day, you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. When you hear the priests give one long blast on the ram's horns, have all the people shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the town." (Joshua 6:1-5)

Why Do We Give Up?

1. Our perspective is _____

Jericho wasn't a big city – you could walk around it in an hour. The problem was the walls were high. They couldn't see how they could possibly reach their goal.

2. Our progress isn't always _____

But Joshua had commanded the army, "Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!" So he had the ark of the Lord carried around the city, circling it once. Then the army returned to camp and spent the night there So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to camp. They did this for six days. (Joshua 6:10-11, 14)

3. It's frustrating when there's _____

Remember Florence Chadwick who gave up when the shore was less than a half mile away!

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)