

Sermon: “We Do Not Lose Heart”

Scripture: II Corinthians 4:1-5:10 (text 4:16-18)

Introduction:

- I. What it means to lose heart.
- II. Three good reasons for losing heart.
 - A. Decay of the outer man. v. 16
 - B. Afflictions, v. 17 see 4:8, 9; 6:4, 5, 8-10
 - C. Things seen, v. 18 see Jn. 17:14
- III. Three better reasons for not losing heart.
 - A. renewal of inner man, v. 16
 - B. an eternal weight of glory, v. 17, see Rom. 8:18, II Cor. 5:21
 - C. things which are not seen are eternal v. 18
- IV. Additional Application
 1. Only a Christian has a right to not lose heart. see Ps. 73:16-20
 2. There is never a time when a Christian has a right to lose heart.
 3. God provides means to strengthen us so that we do not lose heart. see Isaiah 40:29-31
 4. True heavenly mindedness doesn't mean we will be no earthly good.
 5. Be careful to be a help not a hindrance toward others not losing heart. see Heb. 13:17; Eph. 4:29
 6. Affliction avoidance, cowardly Christianity, and lazy, self-indulgent lives are not the way to avoid losing heart.