INTRODUCTION

1. It is evident from the writings of Paul that Christians can and do become weary in well doing.
2. We all have to fight against this.
3. When we become weary in well doing our souls are in danger of being lost.
4. When we become weary in well doing the work of the Lord suffers.
5. We are told not to do this.
6. Let us look at some reasons why we become weary in well doing.

I. A LACK OF FAITH -- Heb. 10:39; I Pet. 1: 5, 9
   1. Our faith is based upon the Word of God -- Rom. 10:17
   2. Without faith we cannot please God -- Heb. 11: 6
   3. We are to walk by faith -- II Cor. 5:7; Col. 3: 17
   4. We are warned about having an "evil heart of unbelief" -- Heb. 3: 12, 13, 8
   5. We are warned about making shipwreck of our faith -- I Tim. 1: 19
   6. One can depart from the faith -- I Tim. 4:1
   7. One can deny the faith -- I Tim. 5:8
   8. One can have a faith that does not work -- James 2:17
   9. One can have little faith -- Matt. 14: 28 - 31; 6:30
   10. We need great faith -- Matt. 8:10
   11. We need to be strong in faith -- Rom. 4:20
   12. Faith is made perfect by works -- James 2:22

II. THE FAILURE OF OTHERS

1. Paul was confronted with the failure of others:
   (1) Phygelus an Hermogenes turned away from Paul -- II Tim. 1:15
   (2) Demas forsook him -- II Tim. 4:10
   (3) In Paul’s first defense before Caesar’s court all his associates deserted him -- II Tim. 4:16

2. Men today in the church fail:
   (1) Some turn away their ears from the truth -- II Tim. 4:4
   (2) Some allow a root of bitterness to spring up -- Heb. 12:15
   (3) Some have an evil heart of unbelief -- Heb. 3:13

III. LACK OF VISIBLE RESULTS
2. God gives the increase -- I Cor. 3:6
3. His word does not return to him void -- Isa. 55:11

IV. CONSTANT TEMPTATIONS
1. All men are tempted by Satan -- I Pet. 5:8
2. Satan tempted Christ -- Heb. 4:15
3. The temptations that come our way are common to all men -- I Cor. 10:13
4. We must keep our hearts with all diligence -- Prov. 4:23
5. We must keep our hearts pure -- Matt. 5:8; Phil. 4:8
6. We are to crucify the flesh -- Gal. 5:24
7. We must deny ungodliness and worldly lusts -- Tit. 2: 11 -12
8. We must flee away from powerful and strong temptations -- I Cor. 6:18; II Tim. 2:22
9. The desire to enjoy the pleasures of sin leads men in sin -- Heb. 11: 25; Luke 8:14; Tit. 3:3; I Tim. 5:6

V. SOME LOSE HEART BECAUSE THEY CONSIDER THE COST TOO HIGH
1. Jesus teaches us to count the cost -- Luke 14: 28 - 33
2. Jesus tells of the great reward -- Mark 10: 28 - 31
3. Many don’t want to give up the world
   (1) They want to dress like the world -- I Tim. 2:9
   (2) They want to drink like the world
   (3) They want to be lascivious in behavior
   (4) They want to go to worldly places
   (5) They want to talk like the world

VI. BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS IN THE CHURCH
1. Paul said, "There must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you" -- I Cor. 11:19
2. The church at Jerusalem had problems:
   (1) Ananias and Sapphira -- Acts 5: 1 - 11
   (2) The Grecians murmured against the Hebrews -- Acts 6: 1 - 4
3. Corinth had problems:
   (1) Division -- I Cor. 3:3
   (2) Fornication -- I Cor. 5: 1 - 7
4. The churches of Galatia had problems -- Gal. 1: 6 - 9