

WE CAN'T QUIT

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INTRODUCTION

1. Philippians 3:13-14
3. We want to discuss some reasons why we can't quit.
4. In our text Paul says that he pressed on toward the mark. This is what we must also do.
5. All successful men never quit.
 1. R. U. Darby in the gold rush to Cal. found gold but lack the funds to mine it. He goes home to his family and friends and they help finance his mine. But just as the bills were paid off, the gold ran out. He sold out after trying to find the vein of gold again, for several hundred dollars. The man who bought him out found some help who told him the vein of gold was 3 feet away. Mr. Darby stopped 3 feet short.
 2. Abe Lincoln running for public office.
 3. Thomas Edison and trying to find the right stuff for the light bulb.
6. Discouragement is not uncommon.
 1. Moses Numbers 11:12
 2. Elijah I Kings 19:4
 3. Paul Acts 18:9-10
 4. But we have no right to quit.

II Discussion Why we can't quit.

- A. Others are depending on us.
 1. Those outside the church. family
 2. Those inside the church. Family Ephesians 6:4
 3. We are influencing others. Romans 14:7 Matthew 5:14-16
 4. You might be surprised who encourages me in my preaching.
- B. We may become discouraged but it will all turn out alright.
 1. Joseph's life is a fine example of this.
 2. Daniel's life is an example of this.
 3. All things work together for good to them that Love God. Matthew 28:20

Romans 8:28

- C. God has said that He cares for us.
 1. Matthew 6:33 context of the passage tells us that if we seek Him, and place Him first then we will have all we need. Philippians 4:19
 2. He states it as a fact. I Peter 5:7 Hebrews 13:5
- D. We will win if we don't quit.
 1. Paul didn't quit. 2 Timothy 4:6-8
 2. Must look to the ultimate goal when discouraged. Colossians 3:1-2
 3. Can look at our situations in two ways. Shoes in Africa.
 4. Others are worse off than we are.
- E. We have come too far to quit.
 1. We have given up the life of sin, so why go back?
 2. "Try again." This should be our battle cry.

III Conclusion

1. The condition of the day demands that we not quit.
 1. People are lost and looking to us.
 2. Christians need our encouragement.
2. Have you started on the journey to Heaven or are you still on the road to a devil's hell?
3. Have you started but have become discouraged and quit?

Source: 1987 sermon