



“Never Give Up”

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I. ***Ephesians 6:10-18***

A. Having Done All...Stand

1. Withstand – Resist the enemy
2. Stand....Stand therefore: (AMP) *“Stand your ground in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious; So stand firm and hold your ground...”*
3. Never Give Up!

B. Remember what God has given to you

1. You have God’s armor
2. Your weapons are not carnal but mighty through God (II Corinthians 10:4)
3. “Fight the good fight of faith...”

<p><i>“It’s not the size of the dog in the fight, it’s the size of the fight in the dog...”</i> <i>Mark Twain</i></p>

II. *Encouragement – the power to overcome*

A. ***I Samuel 30:6-8***

1. *Encouraged Himself – To Fasten Upon, Strengthen, Fortify, Establish, Conquer, Prevail*
2. Find the Secret Place like David did
 - Too many people have given up; when adversity stands in the way....push back!
 - Too many Christians have blamed their lack of perseverance on “God’s Will” (Especially Athletes). Instead of passing blame, work harder to achieve your goals....and if the world tries to knock you down, shake off the dust and keep going!

B. Thomas Edison – an example of hope

1. A reporter asked him about his failures concerning the invention of the lightbulb. Edison’s response: *“I haven’t failed; I’ve successfully found 10,000 ways that won’t work!”*
2. Another famous quote: *“Many of life’s failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.”*