

## **Don't Quit**

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When others disappoint you or when people let you down, just remember, don't let it cause you to let yourself down. That's a far greater offense. My success in life does not depend upon how well others act upon what I teach them, but upon my acting on it myself. I cannot control others, and thank GOD, He does not expect me to.

It is easy, when times are difficult, to take the escape route...to convince yourself that it's time to abandon your dream and passions. You may tell yourself, "It must not be meant to be for me." Oh yes, that would by far be the easier way – at least for the time being.

Your family and friends give you understanding, and without realizing what they are doing, they give you permission to stop trying and to give up. At times like this, you may even find yourself frustrated with GOD Himself. You question: "Lord, if you wanted me to do this, then why isn't it happening despite my efforts?"

Now we are getting somewhere! If we could get there through our own efforts, then we would have no need for Him to accomplish the task! After all, it is the Lord who places those visions and dreams in our hearts. But sometimes, especially on the really important ones, we have to go through all the self effort we have in us until we are completely spent. Then we are at that crucial place of decision. Do I give up in my frustration because it just doesn't seem to be happening? Or do I say, "Well, it's going to take a miracle, but I refuse to abandon the dream GOD gave me. Instead of running and hiding in depression and defeat, I will start this day fresh, in faith, with an open heart, and I will use whatever is in my hands to do the best I can."

This is when we feel the weakest – the most vulnerable – and it is so hard to do! Our flesh wants to quit...to just give up! But the Bible says that the Lord's strength is made perfect in our weakness. When we run out of ourselves, that's when GOD's mighty power kicks in!

I often wonder how many times I have given up just before my miracle was about to take place. The greatest stories in the Bible, or in any historical account, are the ones where someone held fast to what they believed in, in spite of every impossible circumstance. We have the benefit of seeing how it all turned out, but they did not!

So then, walk on. Get radical. Don't let your destiny be determined by other people's lack of commitment. Others will eventually follow the one who does not waver.