

Do Not Grow Weary: A September Devotional for LWML — Oklahoma City 2027

As summer draws to a close and fall begins its gentle arrival, we enter a season that naturally invites reflection and renewal. The warm, unhurried days of July and August give way to cooler mornings, turning leaves, and the familiar rhythm of autumn responsibilities. September has always been a time to reset — to look honestly at our calendars, our commitments, our callings, and to ask the Lord to shape the months ahead.

For the LWML Host Committee preparing for the 2027 National Convention in Oklahoma City, this seasonal shift carries special significance. The work before you is joyful, but it is also substantial. Planning, coordinating, welcoming, organizing, and praying require energy, creativity, and perseverance. And in this moment, God's Word speaks directly to your hearts.

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9).

Weariness is real. Even faithful servants grow tired. Even joyful volunteers feel stretched. Even committed leaders face moments when the work seems heavy. But Scripture does not simply tell us to “keep going”— it roots our perseverance in promise. God Himself sees every act of service, every hour of preparation, every detail tended, every prayer lifted. Nothing offered in His name is ever wasted.

As we step into fall, we also step more deeply into the LWML Convention theme: “Transformed in Christ” from *Romans 12:2*. “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...”

This transformation is not merely personal — it is communal. Christ reshapes not only our hearts but our habits of serving. He teaches us to release what we cannot carry alone, to rededicate ourselves to what truly matters, and to invite others into the work He has entrusted to us.

September is a perfect time for this holy recalibration. It is a season for rededicating ourselves to the mission God has placed before us. It is also a season for releasing tasks, expectations, and burdens that no longer serve the work of Christ. And it is a season for recruiting help and delegating wisely, recognizing that the Body of Christ is strongest when many hands share the labor.

The LWML has always been a community of women who serve together — joyfully, generously, and collaboratively. As preparations for Oklahoma City continue, consider where God may be inviting you to widen the circle. Who might be blessed by joining the work? Who has gifts that could lighten your load? Delegation is not a sign of weakness; it is an act of stewardship. It honors the gifts of others and strengthens the mission you share.

The end of summer invites us to release what has grown burdensome. The beginning of fall invites us to take up what God is calling us to do next. In this rhythm of letting go, taking up, and sharing the work, Christ is at work — renewing our minds, refreshing our spirits, and strengthening our resolve.

The harvest God promises in Galatians 6:9 is not only future; it is already unfolding. Every act of service is a seed. Every moment of faithfulness is part of His greater plan. And in due season — His season — you will see the fruit.

May this September bring renewed joy, renewed strength, and renewed confidence in the One who transforms you daily. And as you prepare for Oklahoma City, may the Spirit keep your hearts steadfast, your hands willing, and your hope anchored in Christ.

Do not grow weary. You are being transformed. And the harvest is coming.

~Rev. John Perling
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