"Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9 KJV).

 $S_{\text{ometimes we don't mind}}$

BEGINNING A GOOD WORK, but when we see what the final cost is going to be, we don't want to complete it. Well begun is half done, but if we don't finish the thing, nothing is done. Jesus said we should count the cost first before we start any big project—from building a tower to waging war—to make sure we'll be able to finish it (Luke 14:28–32). If we begin a job for the Lord, we need to see it through. Otherwise it would have been better if we had never started.

We need to remind ourselves that the men and women who have accomplished the most for God were mostly ordinary people who stuck to their jobs through thick and thin. There's really no limit to what God can do through us, too, if we'll just be faithful and stick to it.

(*Prayer:*) Help us, Lord, to remember that You're the One who has begun a good work in us, and what You have started You have promised to complete (Philippians 1:6). Give us faith and patience and perseverance to stick to the tasks You have given us until they're finished or You have something else for us. Amen.