

Winners never quit, but quitters never win.



WHEN THINGS GET TOUGH, you've got to fight all the harder in the spirit. If you'll do that and not give up, you'll win greater victories.

Take a lesson from the 18th-century, Scottish-born U.S. naval commander John Paul Jones (1747–1792). In one battle his ship had been hit and was sinking. Half his men had been killed, and many others had been wounded, including Jones himself. When the enemy captain asked Jones if he was ready to surrender, Jones screamed back, “Surrender? Hell no! We haven't even *begun* to fight!” Jones kept on fighting, and eventually won the battle!

Maybe you haven't even begun to fight the ol' Devil yet. Maybe “you have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin” (Hebrews 12:4), like Jesus did. Even though it killed Him, only three days later He rose in triumph from the tomb!

So don't be weary in well doing, for in due season you will reap if you don't give up (Galatians 6:9). “You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ ... that you may please Him who enlisted you as a soldier” (2 Timothy 2:3–4). Fight the good fight, keep the faith, finish the course, and Jesus will give you a crown of life (1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:7–8; Revelation 2:10).