

# Don't Give Up!!

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## **Hymn. 290:1–3**

Press on, press on, ye sons of light,  
Untiring in your holy fight,  
Still treading each temptation down,  
And battling for a brighter crown.

Press on, press on, and fear no foe,  
With calm resolve to triumph go;  
Victorious over every ill,  
Press on to higher glory still.

Press on, press on, still look in faith  
To Him who conquers sin and death;  
Then shall ye hear His word, Well done!  
True to the last, press on, press on.

Words: WILLIAM GASKELL, ADAPTED

Music: James W. Elliott

## **Hymn. 510:1–3**

In Love divine all earth-born fear and sorrow  
Fade as the dark when dawn pours forth her light;  
And understanding prayer is fully answered,  
When trustingly we turn to God aright.

And as on wings of faith we soar and worship,  
Held by God's love above the shadows dim,  
Hushed in the grandeur of a heart's awakening,  
Unfolds a joy unknown till found in Him.

Then in this radiant light of adoration,  
We know that man beloved is in God's care,  
Not wrapped in fear nor bowed with tired labor,  
But satisfied, complete, divinely fair.

Words: SUSAN F. CAMPBELL

Music: Benjamin Russell Vaughan

**Hymn. 95:1–3**

He leadeth me, O blessed thought,  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught.  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

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He leadeth me, He leadeth me,  
By His own hand He leadeth me.  
His faithful follower I would be,  
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea,  
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

REFRAIN

Words: JOSEPH H. GILMORE

Music: William B. Bradbury



From the New Living Translation of the Bible:

Isa. 40:31 those  
those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.  
They will soar high on wings like eagles.

They will run and not grow weary.

They will walk and not faint.

Mark 2: 1-5, 11, 12

2 When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. 2 Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, 3 four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. 4 They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. 5 Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

11 "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"

12 And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers.

Job 11:18

Having hope will give you courage.

Mark 10:46-52

46 Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. 47 When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

48 "Be quiet!" many of the people yelled at him.

But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

49 When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, "Tell him to come here."

So they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, he's calling you!" 50 Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked.  
"My Rabbi," the blind man said, "I want to see!"  
52 And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you."  
Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.

I Cor. 15:58

58 So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable.  
Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that  
nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

Matt. 15:21-28

21 Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre and Sidon.  
22 A Gentile[a] woman who lived there came to him, pleading, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely."  
23 But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. "Tell her to go away," they said. "She is bothering us with all her begging."  
24 Then Jesus said to the woman, "I was sent only to help God's lost sheep—the people of Israel."  
25 But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, "Lord, help me!"  
26 Jesus responded, "It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs."  
27 She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters' table."  
28 "Dear woman," Jesus said to her, "your faith is great. Your request is granted." And her daughter was instantly healed.

Psalms 37: 3 (to .), 5, 6

3 Trust in the Lord and do good.  
5 Commit everything you do to the Lord.  
Trust him, and he will help you.

6 He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn,  
and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.

Luke 18:1-8 (to !)

18 One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. 2 “There was a judge in a certain city,” he said, “who neither feared God nor cared about people. 3 A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, ‘Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.’ 4 The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, ‘I don’t fear God or care about people, 5 but this woman is driving me crazy. I’m going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!’”

6 Then the Lord said, “Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. 7 Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don’t you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly!

Luke 11:5-10

5 Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: “Suppose you went to a friend’s house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, 6 ‘A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.’ 7 And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can’t help you.’ 8 But I tell you this—though he won’t do it for friendship’s sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence.

9 “And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks,

receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Gal. 6:9

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

#### SH 495:14

When the illusion of sickness or sin tempts you, cling  
15 steadfastly to God and His idea. Allow nothing but His  
likeness to abide in your thought. Let neither  
fear nor doubt overshadow your clear sense and  
18 calm trust, that the recognition of life harmonious — as  
Life eternally is — can destroy any painful sense of, or  
belief in, that which Life is not. Let Christian Science,  
21 instead of corporeal sense, support your understanding of  
being, and this understanding will supplant error with  
Truth, replace mortality with immortality, and silence dis-  
24 cord with harmony.

Steadfast and  
calm trust

#### SH 4:3–5, 12–13, 17–22

3 What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire  
for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness,  
love, and good deeds.

12 The habitual struggle to be always good is unceas-  
ing prayer.

Simply asking that we may love God will never  
18 make us love Him; but the longing to be better  
and holier, expressed in daily watchful-  
ness and in striving to assimilate more of  
21 the divine character, will mould and fashion us  
anew, until we awake in His likeness.

Watchfulness  
requisite

## SH 487:25–1; 488:7–11

The Apostle James said, “Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.”

27 The understanding that Life is God, Spirit, lengthens our days by strengthening our trust in the deathless reality of Life, its almightiness and immortality.

30 This faith relies upon an understood Principle. This Principle makes whole the diseased, and brings out the  
1 enduring and harmonious phases of things.

The Hebrew and Greek words often translated *belief* differ somewhat in meaning from that conveyed by the

9 English verb *believe*; they have more the significance of faith, understanding, trust, constancy, firmness.

Belief and  
firm trust

## SH 203:7–8

If God were understood instead of being merely believed, this understanding would establish health.

## SH 273:29–3

Science shows that material, conflicting mortal opinions and beliefs emit the effects of error at all times, but  
30 this atmosphere of mortal mind cannot be destructive to morals and health when it is opposed promptly and persistently by Christian Science. Truth and Love antidote  
1 this mental miasma, and thus invigorate and sustain existence.  
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## SH 145:8–17

The struggle for the recovery of invalids goes on, not  
9 between material methods, but between mortal minds and immortal Mind. The victory will be on the patient’s side only as immortal Mind

The struggle  
and victory

12 through Christ, Truth, subdues the human belief in  
disease. It matters not what material method one may  
adopt, whether faith in drugs, trust in hygiene, or reliance  
15 on some other minor curative.

Scientific healing has this advantage over other meth-  
ods, — that in it Truth controls error.

## SH 22:11–22

“Work out your own salvation,” is the demand of  
12 Life and Love, for to this end God worketh with you.  
“Occupy till I come!” Wait for your re-  
ward, and “be not weary in well doing.” If  
15 your endeavors are beset by fearful odds, and you receive  
no present reward, go not back to error, nor become a  
 sluggard in the race.  
18 When the smoke of battle clears away, you will dis-  
cern the good you have done, and receive according to  
your deserving. Love is not hasty to deliver us from  
21 temptation, for Love means that we shall be tried and  
purified.

Wait for  
reward

## SH 242:15 In

15 In pa-  
tient obedience to a patient God, let us labor to dis-  
solve with the universal solvent of Love the adamant  
18 of error, — self-will, self-justification, and self-love, —  
which wars against spirituality and is the law of sin  
and death.

## SH 400:9–11, 18

9 Mortals obtain the harmony of health, only as they  
forsake discord, acknowledge the supremacy of divine  
Mind, and abandon their material beliefs.

18 By lifting thought above error, or disease, and con-

tending persistently for truth, you destroy error.

### SH 462:13

Whoever would demonstrate the healing of Christian Science must abide strictly by its rules, heed every statement, and advance from the rudiments laid down. There is nothing difficult nor toilsome in this task, when the way is pointed out; but self-denial, sincerity, Christianity, and persistence alone win the prize, as they usually do in every department of life.

### SH 253:32–8; 254:10

The divine demand, “Be ye therefore perfect,” is scientific, and the human footsteps leading to perfection are indispensable. Individuals are consistent who, watching and praying, can “run, and not be weary; . . . walk, and not faint,” who gain good rapidly and hold their position, or attain slowly and yield not to discouragement. God requires perfection, but not until the battle between Spirit and flesh is fought and the victory won.

Patience  
and final  
perfection

When we wait patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs our path. Imperfect mortals grasp the ultimate of spiritual perfection slowly; but to *begin* aright and to continue the strife of demonstrating the great problem of being, is doing much.

### SH 10:1

Prayer means that we desire to walk and will walk in the light so far as we receive it, even though with bleeding footsteps, and that waiting patiently on the Lord, we will leave our real desires to be rewarded by Him.

## SH 20:27

Behest of  
the cross

27 St. Paul wrote, “Let us  
lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so  
easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that  
30 is set before us;” that is, let us put aside material self  
and sense, and seek the divine Principle and Science of  
all healing.

## SH 454:18–19, 22

18 Love inspires,  
illumines, designates, and leads the way.

Wait patiently for divine Love to move upon the  
waters of mortal mind, and form the perfect concept.

24 Patience must “have her perfect work.”

## SH 21:9

9 If the disciple is advancing spiritually, he is striv-  
ing to enter in. He constantly turns away from ma-  
terial sense, and looks towards the imperishable things  
12 of Spirit. If honest, he will be in earnest from the  
start, and gain a little each day in the right direction,  
till at last he finishes his course with joy.

## SH 262:17–23

Job said: “I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the  
18 ear: but now mine eye seeth Thee.” Mortals will echo  
Job’s thought, when the supposed pain and  
pleasure of matter cease to predominate. They  
21 will then drop the false estimate of life and happiness, of  
joy and sorrow, and attain the bliss of loving unselfishly,  
working patiently, and conquering all that is unlike God.

The true  
sense

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