

## **Don't Give Up**

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It has been a roller coaster of emotions for me these last two weeks. I have a new found hope in something I keep picking up and putting down throughout my entire lifetime (starting at the age of 8) but I have also received multiple episodes of bad news.

As the bad news was pouring in (from what seems like everywhere), I felt that much more inclined to really push this endeavor. I'm not going to go into detail on what the endeavor is but I will say part of it is a talent I have known I have since my youth. The other parts of it require much work from me (I'm talking daily). The reason I keep putting it down is because I give up. I give up out of fear and doubt.

The bad news I have been receiving revolves around sickness and death. My prayer, since I came into the Kingdom has been, "Lord, give me the strength, knowledge, and wisdom to do everything You created me to do before I depart this world." I cannot tolerate feeling like a failure (work in progress). The moment I feel like I might fail at something, I give up before those feelings even fully manifest. What I have not understood, until I just wrote that sentence, is those feelings usually have already taken root in my being which is what causes me to give up.

Honesty with ourselves and with our Lord is the best way I know how to keep going. So many of us hide who we truly are out of fear of being judged. You want to know my new motto on that? Screw it! People are going to judge you no matter what you do or do not do. The real question is what is God telling you? I am grateful I have yet another day to realize and bring to fruition (whatever it may look like when it's all said and done) these deep passionate desires that have burned in my heart since I was eight years old. Thirty years later I am still in the process of at least doing something related to my original life dream.

People, the graves are full of unaccomplished desires and broken dreams because of judgment from others, broken hearts, and people feeling unworthy. I choose to honor them and our Lord by using what He has given me and expanding upon it.

I have shared this song in a previous post titled "A Cheerful Giver Is He" on April 03. It seems appropriate to share here also because of the content of the lyrics. I no longer use the

term "tomorrow is not guaranteed" because, in the span of eternity, it actually is promised. Instead, I now say we only have today to use yesterday to prepare for tomorrow. Don't give up on life, on your desires, on your dreams, or on each other. We have "no kind of time than what we have right now".

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=v6jlygeTMaY>

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