

THE TENACITY OF A BULLDOG

A man once owned two very fine bird dogs, and he had spent many hours training them.

One day, he looked out his window just in time to see an ugly little bulldog digging his way under the fence into his bird dogs' yard. As the bulldog wriggled under the fence, the man realized it was too late to stop him.

He thought to himself how uneven the fight would be. The poor little bulldog was surely no match for his animals. Snipping, barking, growling – tails and ears flying – the battle raged. When the little dog had enough, he trotted back to the hole under the fence and shimmied out.

Amazed that none of the dogs looked any worse for the fight, he didn't give the incident another thought until the next day, when he saw the little bulldog coming down the sidewalk toward the hole in the fence. To his amazement, a repeat performance of the previous day's battle began. And once again, the little bulldog picked his moment to end the fight, left the bird dogs barking and snarling, and casually slid back under the fence.

Day after day for more than a week, the unwelcome visitor returned to harass his bigger canine counterparts. Then the man was obliged to leave for a week on business. When he returned, he asked his wife about the ongoing battle.

"Battle?" she replied. "Why there hasn't been a battle in four days."

"He finally gave up?" asked the bird dog owner.



"Not exactly," she said. "That ugly little dog still comes around every day. He even shimmied under the fence until a day or so ago. But now all he has to do is walk past the hole and those bird dogs tuck their tails and head for their doghouse whining all the way."

Now here's a question: Are you in the middle of a frustrating struggle – personally or professionally?

Before you throw in the towel, remember this story. Sometimes persistence is the key to success.

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

– Beecher Hunter