

HOW TO DEVELOP ENDURANCE

1. Get A Perspective Bigger Than Your Circumstances

- Hebrews 12:7-11, NIV – (7) *Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? (8) If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. ... (10) ... God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. (11) No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.*

2. Get A Cause Bigger Than Your Own Needs

- 2 Timothy 2:10, NIV – (10) *Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.*
- Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV – (2) *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (3) Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

3. Cry Out To God

- Romans 15:5, NIV – (5) *May the God who gives endurance [perseverance] and encouragement give you ...*

SUMMARY

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FOUNDATIONS FOR NEXT-LEVEL LIVING

Part 4 - Perseverance

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REVIEW

1. Faithfulness – Purposefully And Regularly Using What I Have Been Given
2. Identity – Knowing And Living Out Of My Identity In Christ
3. Authority – Understanding And Using My Authority In Christ
4. Perseverance – Enduring Hardship And Opposition For A Greater Cause

CONSIDER JESUS

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- “Persevere” = “hupomone_” (Greek)
- Hupo – Hupo = “by, under” & Meno_ = “to stay, abide, remain”
- “Persevere” = “to stay by, to remain under, to abide with”, “to patiently endure, to persevere, to stick with it”

PERSEVERANCE IS A CRITICAL NEED!

- 2 Thessalonians 1:4, NIV – (4) *Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.*
- 1 Timothy 6:11, NIV – (11) *But you, man of God, ... pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance [perseverance] and gentleness.*
- 2 Timothy 3:10, NIV – (10) *You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance [perseverance] ...*

- Titus 2:2, NIV – (2) *Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance [perseverance].*
- Revelation 2:2-3, NIV – (2) *I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. ... (3) You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.*
- Revelation 2:19, NIV – (19) *I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.*
- Revelation 3:10, NIV – (10) *Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.*

THE POWER OF PERSEVERANCE

- God releases a special grace, a special anointing, every time someone acts like Jesus, and just chooses to persevere

1. Perseverance Releases Fruitfulness

- Luke 8:15, NIV – (15) *But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.*

2. Perseverance Builds Character

- Romans 5:3-4, NIV – (3) *... we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; (4) perseverance, character; and character, hope.*
- The greater the character, the greater the price that was paid

3. Perseverance Receives The Promises

- Romans 15:4, NIV – (4) *For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance [perseverance] and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

- Luke 11:9, NIV – (9) *So I say to you: Ask [keep on asking] and it will be given to you; seek [keep on seeking] and you will find; knock [keep on knocking] and the door will be opened to you.*
- Hebrews 10:36, NIV – (36) *You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised.*

4. Perseverance Produces Miracles

- 2 Corinthians 12:12, NIV – (12) *The things that mark an apostle -- signs, wonders and miracles -- were done among you with great perseverance.*
- The only difference between a believer who prays for the sick, and a believer who has a healing ministry, is about 100 people

5. Perseverance Brings The Favour Of God

- 1 Peter 2:20, NASB – (20) *For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure [persevere] it, this finds favor with God.*
- God has a special measure of favour for people who refuse to quit

6. Perseverance Manifests A Higher Quality Of Love

- 1 Corinthians 13:6-7, NIV – (6) Love ... (7) ... *always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*
- Only those who choose to persevere, can really know and experience the heights of God's kind of love

WHY DO WE GIVE UP?

1. Small Mindedness

- If you don't see the bigger picture, you will eventually give up

2. Self-Centredness

- If you only serve for selfish reasons, you will eventually give up