

add to your faith...

Perseverance

2 Peter 1:5-7



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- Strong's Concordance G5281 (Noun *hupomonē*—*hopeful endurance, constancy*) from G5278 (Verb *hupomenō*).
- ***Hupomenō*** (verb) is a compound word:
- ***hupo*** – “under,” ***menō*** – “to abide.” (See 1 Jn. 2:24—4x use).
- “An abiding under” (Vine’s re “patience” and [be] patient).
- “Steadfastness, constancy, endurance[:] . . . the character[] of a man who is [not] []swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest of trials and sufferings” (Thayer’s Greek Lexicon re G5281).
- *Continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition (Webster; nominalization).

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- **Patience** is the ability to wait, which is necessary because we must wait on the Lord.
- **Perseverance** is the ability to bear under hardships, to keep from giving up. It is a resolute determination to steadfastly move on toward the goal no matter what the obstacles. The ability to remain constant in what we are doing.



Why We Need Perseverance

1. Because of Self-Control
 - **Proverbs 23:17-18**
2. Because the Way is Difficult
 - **Matthew 7:13-14**
3. Because We Are Not There Yet
 - **Hebrews 10:36-39; 2 Peter 1:10-11**
4. Because Persecutions Will Come
 - **2 Timothy 3:12; John 15:19-21**

How Perseverance Works

- The **passive** side of perseverance is **endurance**: the ability to patiently bear under trials and persecutions.
 - Romans 12:12
 - 2 Timothy 2:3
 - Matthew 13:20-21

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- The **active** side of perseverance is **persistence**: the ability to keep moving forward.
- **Running a Race**
 - Hebrews 12:1
- **Doing Good**
 - Romans 2:7-10; Galatians 6:9
- **Bearing Fruit**
 - Lk. 8:15; Jas. 5:7-8 (persevere patiently)



How To Develop Perseverance

1. By Persevering

- James 1:2-4; Romans 5:3-4

2. Following the Right Examples

- James 5:10-11

3. Faith in the Reward

- Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

4. Dedication

- 2 Timothy 3:12-17

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- The devil will do whatever he can to discourage us and cause us to quit on the Lord.
- The way is hard, the days are long and the toil is tiresome, but our soul is too precious and Heaven is too great for us to quit. See Luke 21:19.
- *“And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises” (Heb. 6:11-12).*

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“It is not the patience which can sit down and bow its head and let things descend upon it and passively endure until the storm is past. . . . It is the spirit which can bear things, not simply with resignation, but with blazing hope; it is not the spirit which sits statically enduring in the one place, but the spirit which bears things because it knows that these things are leading to a goal of glory; it is not the patience which grimly waits for the end, but the patience which radiantly hopes for the dawn.”

William Barclay, “New Testament Words”