

Perseverance

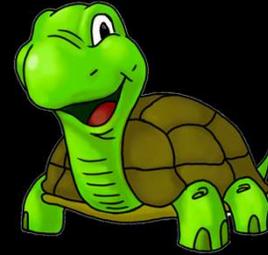
Growing in the Faith 2019
"Make Your Call and Election Sure"
2Peter 1:5-11

Perseverance

2 Peter 1:6 - “ to knowledge self-control,
to self-control **perseverance**,...”

- What does it mean?
- Why is it important?
- What are some practical applications in your life?
- What hinders our capacity for perseverance?
- What can we do about it?

Definition



Merriam-Webster: *continued effort* to do or achieve something despite *difficulties, failure, or opposition.*

ὑπομονή - **hupomonē** - *hoop-om-on-ay'* <G5281>: Cheerful (hopeful) *endurance, constancy*: enduring, patience, **patient continuance** (waiting). To *bear* (trials), *have fortitude, persevere*: abide, endure.

Bearing up under, patience, endurance, as to things or circumstances. *Hupomoné* refers to that **quality of character** which does not allow one to surrender to circumstances OR succumb under trial.

(Zodhiates, Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament ©1992)

Why Important?

Gives us hope

Rom 15:4 - For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the **patience** and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Rom 5:3,4 - ³And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces **perseverance**; ⁴and **perseverance**, character; and character, hope.

Perfects us

Jam 1:2-4 - My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴But **let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing**.

Eternal life

Rom 2:6,7 - ⁶who "will render to each one according to his deeds": ⁷**eternal life to those who by **patient continuance** in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality;**

Matt 10:22 "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who **endures** to the end **will be saved**."

Discussion

What are practical applications of perseverance in your life?

How does Self Control lead to Perseverance?

What hinders our ability to persevere?

What can we do about it?

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1Ti 6:11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

2Ti 3:10,11 ¹⁰But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me.

Titus 2:1,2 ¹But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: ²that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience;

Heb 10:35,36 ³⁵Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. ³⁶For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

1 Thess 1:3,4 ³remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, ⁴knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God.

2 Thess 1:4 so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,

James 5:11 Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord - that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.