

**Series: Seven Additions to Faith**  
**Title: Perseverance - Part 2**  
**Endurance and Steadfastness**

**Introduction**

In our last lesson, we considered the first two elements of the grace of perseverance—Forbearance and Longsuffering. Today we will focus on the third and fourth aspects of perseverance; Endurance and Steadfastness.

1. The problem with perseverance is that it must be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Each of the 12 disciples had to experience \_\_\_\_\_ lessons in this area of godly living.
3. James says we develop patience through the \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith.
4. In the trials of life, we grow in Christian maturity and develop a deep \_\_\_\_\_ and trust in God's ability to provide and guide us.
5. The “\_\_\_\_\_” generation thinks the world exists and revolves around them.
6. But the New Testament truth is we exist for the pleasure of our \_\_\_\_\_.

**I. Endurance**

7. \_\_\_\_\_ is demonstrating patience and persevering in all the experiences of your life.
8. We develop endurance as we \_\_\_\_\_ through life's experiences.
9. If we only had pleasant experiences and never experienced trials, it would be \_\_\_\_\_ to develop endurance.

10. The Greek word used for endurance is the same word that is used for \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Endurance demonstrates a quality of \_\_\_\_\_ character development.
12. As we develop endurance, we learn to accept our experiences and trials with an inward \_\_\_\_\_ because we know the end result will be rewarded.
13. The joy and celebration come at the end when you have endured the affliction and \_\_\_\_\_ the bitterness and anguish meant to destroy your hope and faith in God.
14. Job believed, by faith, that the end result God intended for him was a \_\_\_\_\_ one.
15. He kept his eye on the end of the suffering and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.
16. When we endure life's difficulties and remain \_\_\_\_\_, we will overcome even in the most severe trials!
17. This crown of life is promised only to those who show they love the Lord by humble obedience under \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances.
18. The best thing to focus upon in tribulation is your \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.
19. Forbearance, longsuffering, and endurance all play an essential role in the development of \_\_\_\_\_.
20. Hope is \_\_\_\_\_ to successful endurance.
21. Jesus faithfully endured the cross with a \_\_\_\_\_ attitude, even in the face of opposition.

22. Jesus is the perfect pattern and \_\_\_\_\_ of endurance in trial and testing.

## II. Steadfastness

23. Steadfastness can be described as a continuing \_\_\_\_\_.

24. Endurance is a \_\_\_\_\_ of attaining spiritual growth and maturity.

25. Endurance combined with the words "to the \_\_\_\_\_" is steadfastness.

26. Steadfastness is a \_\_\_\_\_ to overcome to the very end.

27. By steadfastness, perseverance fully "\_\_\_\_\_" us.

28. The word "\_\_\_\_\_" is the Greek word for patience.

29. Doing the will of God, as Paul says, is a \_\_\_\_\_ of work.

30. Overcoming in faith despite persecution and tribulation requires a Godly \_\_\_\_\_; developed through forbearance, longsuffering, endurance, and steadfastness.

## Conclusion

31. Our Christian walk includes a \_\_\_\_\_ of different kinds of experiences.

32. What perseverance does, is provide \_\_\_\_\_ to the experiences of life.

33. Developing perseverance requires time, spiritual maturity, and much \_\_\_\_\_.

34. If self-control is the grace of holding back, then perseverance is the grace of \_\_\_\_\_!

Some situations may seem quite impossible, but with perseverance, you can fight the good fight of faith and overcome. Through perseverance, we learn to tear down the strongholds of Satan and establish the kingdom of Christ. We are not the victims of this life; we are the victors through Christ.

Answers:

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| 1. developed      | 13. survived  | 25. end          |
| 2. frequent       | 14. good      | 26. commitment   |
| 3. trials         | 15. reward    | 27. possesses    |
| 4. confidence     | 16. steadfast | 28. suffer       |
| 5. me             | 17. difficult | 29. lifetime     |
| 6. Creator        | 18. hope      | 30. perseverance |
| 7. Endurance      | 19. love      | 31. multitude    |
| 8. overcome       | 20. critical  | 32. balance      |
| 9. impossible     | 21. proper    | 33. faith        |
| 10. steadfastness | 22. example   | 34. holding on   |
| 11. inward        | 23. constancy |                  |
| 12. joy           | 24. means     |                  |

#### QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. How many decisions have you made recently without consulting God? Would you say you are the master of your life, or is Christ?
2. How can keeping in mind the rewards at the end of life make the trials more bearable? What can you do this week to keep your focus on the rewards at the end of your trials?
3. What types of things do I tend to whine about? What can I do to allow God to change me from a whiner into a winner?