

Scripture

Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Look for our event!



Perseverance

“Character Counts” - Week Eleven

3/21/2021

I. The Command

Perseverance is the determination that as long as you are in control, you will hold on until things beyond your control force you to let go.

~Merritt, James

Character Still Counts (p. 161)

II. The Motivation

“Perseverance is not resignation, putting up with things the way they are, staying in the same old rut year after year after year, or being a doormat for people to wipe their feet on. Endurance is not a desperate hanging on but a traveling from strength to strength... Perseverance is triumphant and alive.”

~**Eugene Peterson,**

“A Long Obedience in the Same Direction”

II. The Motivation

A. Follow the Example of Others

B. Let Go of Your Baggage

Galatians 2:20 -

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

II. The Motivation

C. Look to Christ

Philippians 4:13 -

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Philippians 1:6 -

“He who began a good work in you will continue to perfect it until the day of His return.”

II Timothy 4:14-18 -

Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

II. The Motivation

D. Look Ahead

II Corinthians 4:16-17 -

We do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. These momentary, light afflictions are producing an eternal weight of glory beyond compare!

II. The Motivation

D. Look Ahead

Romans 8:18 -

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that is to be revealed to us!

“It’s not the critic who counts, not the one who points out how the strong man stumbles or how the doer of the deeds might have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood; who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who live in the grey twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat.”

~Teddy Roosevelt