

You Have Need of Endurance

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Text: Hebrews 10:36

Endurance is a characteristic we must have as Christians. But WHY is it so important? In this lesson, we will consider a few passages that explain why we need endurance.

NOTE: There are a few different English words (endurance, patience, perseverance), but they are all the same Greek word.

To Continue Doing God's Will (Hebrews 10:36)

- Endurance is a positive characteristic – but endurance in doing WHAT?
- Doing the will of God – “having done” implies that we complete our work; completed after death (Revelation 14:13)
- Endurance is needed to continue doing the will of God as long as we live here on the earth

To Bear Fruit (Luke 8:15)

- In the parable of the sower, only one soil produced fruit – the good soil; the honest and good heart
- Fruit is what we produce in service to God – to do this we must abide in Christ (John 15:4-5) and obey Him (Colossians 1:10)
- Endurance is needed in order to bear fruit in our service to God

To Be Perfect and Complete (James 1:4)

- By enduring through trials (James 1:3), we become perfect and complete – therefore, count it all joy (James 1:2)
- Jesus was perfected through sufferings (Hebrews 2:10) – we suffer as He did (1 Peter 4:1-2)
- Endurance is needed in order to be perfect and complete in Christ

To Develop Character (Romans 5:3-4)

- Tribulation brings perseverance/patience (cf. James 1:2-4) – this brings proven character
- Many claim to be faithful (Proverbs 20:6) – endurance proves it; this is valuable (1 Peter 1:6-7)
- Endurance is needed to develop our character and demonstrate that we are who we claim to be

To Run the Race Before Us (Hebrews 12:1)

- The Christian life is a race, a marathon – look to Jesus (Hebrews 12:2-3); do not grow weary and lose heart
- Run with endurance (Hebrews 12:1), diligence (1 Corinthians 9:24), and obedience to the rules (2 Timothy 2:5)
- Endurance is needed to run the race and not grow weary and lose heart

To Receive What Was Promised (Hebrews 10:36)

- God offers a reward to motivate us to endure until the end – an eternal inheritance (Hebrews 9:15)
- The one who endures until the end will be saved (Matthew 24:13) – be faithful until death (Revelation 2:10)
- Endurance is needed so that we can receive the promised reward of eternal life

Conclusion

- God has given us the opportunity to be saved – but we must have endurance to be saved
- Starting down the right path and turning back will cause us to be lost (Hebrews 10:38)
- We must have enough faith in God and His promises to endure until the end (Hebrews 10:39)
- So do not grow weary and do not lose heart – keep looking to Christ and following Him