

DAILY READING: PERSEVERANCE

Perseverance means to keep going no matter how hard it gets. Perseverance is something I practice. It is often hard and I may feel like giving up but I don't. I am made stronger and develop skills through perseverance. The more I persevere, the more I learn to endure (*stick with it*). To be with Jesus for eternity is the greatest prize of all. I will not give up following Him no matter how hard it gets. I do not wish for pain and suffering but my response to hardship will be joy because I know it will be worth it. I do not have to pretend to be happy when things are difficult, but I trust God to bring good into my life. I trust my loving Heavenly Father. The Holy Spirit enables me to stay focused on Jesus and not on the pain and suffering. I choose to focus on Jesus, the Prize, and He will increase my faith until the day He returns.

DAILY STUDY: PERSEVERANCE

DAY 1: Bear Fruit – Luke 8:4-15 (page 1013);

Galatians 5:22-26 (page 1159); Psalm 1:3 (page 533)

DAY 2: How to Respond to Hardships – Romans 5:3-5

(page 1111); 2 Corinthians 6:3-10 (page 1147); Job 42:4-6, 10-13 (page 528)

DAY 3: Don't Despise Discipline – Hebrews 12:4-11

(page 1219);

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

(page 1134);

Proverbs 3:11-12

(page 528, 529)



They What?!

Tardigrades can live just about anywhere on the planet. They can cope with extreme temperatures, dehydration (*no water*), radiation, starvation, and they can even live in outer space. Their ability to persevere and survive extreme conditions is impressive.

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DAY 4: Honor God and Carry On – Acts 20:24 (page 1095);

Philippians 3:13-14 (page 1172); Jeremiah 15:15-21 (page 745)

DAY 5: Hold Fast – Colossians 1:23 (page 1176); John 8:31-32

(page 1052); Acts 13:43 (page 1087); Acts 14:21-22 (page 1088)

DAY 6: Persist till the End – Hebrews 3:6-14 (page 1211);

Revelation 2:26-28 (page 1254); James 1:25 (page 1222); Psalm 95:6-11 (page 585)

DAY 7: Read the Daily Reading again.

Take time to learn the memory verse and have fun doing the activity.

ACTIVITY: One Step at a Time

It's good to practice. The ability to persevere is hindered by looking at the whole situation at one time. Discipline yourself to not look ahead at all that needs to be done or how far you have to go. Just do the next thing or take the next step.

STEPS:

Choose an activity you consider to be hard. Example: cleaning your entire room, learning a new instrument, etc. Make a list of the steps you need to take for your activity.

Begin your activity by starting. Do the next thing, take the next step, one at a time without thinking what's ahead.

MEMORY VERSE:

1 Timothy 6:11
 "Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness." 1 Timothy 6:11

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