

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1159: How Can I Persevere When Life Gets Tough? (Part I)

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SHOW NOTES

1. How does perseverance differ from endurance? What does it mean to persevere as a Christian? Why is this important to us? (See Luke 21:19, Romans 5:3-5)
2. Why is it important that we clearly see *why* we need to persevere? By truly feeling the reason behind that *why*, we are able to do what? What do we gain through these two steps? What are the types of experiences that help us build perseverance in our characters?
3. How can perseverance help us turn our trials and afflictions into faith-strengthening experiences? What is a necessary mindset in approaching these experiences? (See Hebrews 12:2, James 1:2-4)
4. What does it mean to wait on the Lord's providence? What is important to keep in front of our minds as we wait? How did Jesus wait and follow God's guidance? (See Psalms 27:13-14, Isaiah 50:5-9)
5. What steps should we take to put our perseverance into practice when faced with trials and afflictions? What do we gain if we persevere? Why do we need to embrace the "long view" to keep in mind *where* the *why* leads? (See 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, Hebrews 12:7,10-11, James 1:12)
6. Practically, how is perseverance through trial and affliction attained? What are the four parts of this? (See 1 Corinthians 9:24-27)
7. Why is faith so important to have when we are trying to apply Christian perseverance? If we are strongly disciplined, can we overcome our trials? (See James 1:6-8)
8. What role does wisdom play in developing perseverance? How might not understanding the godly perspective affect our ability to persevere? (See Matthew 6:33-34, 1 Corinthians 10:12-15, James 1:5)
9. What have you had to persevere through in your life? How did your faith help you through those experiences? What Scriptures inspire you to persevere through your trials and tribulations?