

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1160: How Can I Persevere When Life Gets Tough? (Part II)

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1. What are three “game faces,” or types of perseverance, as seen in Scripture? How do they differ? (See 2 Timothy 2:3-7)
2. What does it mean to have “principled perseverance”? How can it help us persevere through persecution? What happens if we *do not* have principled perseverance? (See Hebrews 12:3-4)
3. If we are zealous for what is good and still are persecuted, what do we gain? What is essential for us to do to avoid fear and intimidation? What is often the most difficult persecution? (See Luke 21:16-19, 1 Peter 3:13-16)
4. What can we do when we are struggling to get ourselves back into the right mindset? Where do we find nourishment for our perseverance? (See Ephesians 6:10-12, 1 Peter 4:12-13)
5. What is required to have principled perseverance? What do Colossians 1:9-12 mean to you? Are you *joyously giving thanks to the Father* in the midst of your trials?
6. For what must we have *much endurance* in 2 Corinthians 6:3-7? The surprising change of tone in verse 6 means we must have *much endurance* in what other aspects of our lives?
7. How can the sets of opposites in 2 Corinthians 6:8-10 help when our loyalty to God is tested during all of our experiences? What do these opposite pairs help us to see, and how do they feed our passionate perseverance?
8. How can we cultivate passionate perseverance to help lessen the negative impacts of our most difficult experiences? Are you growing in the process described in 2 Peter 1:5-8? Where are you doing well, and what needs more focus and work?
9. How can we find inspiration in Jesus’ response to his experiences when we feel discouraged or like we cannot go on? How can we look to the *cloud of witnesses*, both ancient and those in our lives now, for help in these times? (See Hebrews 12:1,2)
10. How can we use our reverence of God to develop our passionate perseverance? How do the beautiful Scriptures in Isaiah 40:26-31 speak to you?