

**Ep. 1424: How Do I Grow in Christian Perseverance?  
(Christian Character Series – Part VI)**

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*God has granted everything needed for life and godliness through His promises. These promises form the foundation of Christian character. Our response is allegiance—loyal commitment to God’s will. 2 Peter 1:5-7 is used throughout the questions.*

**Overarching Question: Why does the Apostle Peter place perseverance after self-control, knowledge, moral excellence and faith in the “ladder” of Christian character development? How does this order impact the way Christians should grow?**

1. In what experiences in your life have you experienced perseverance as more than just “hanging on,” but as a source of strength and inspiration? (Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance for the Greek words *hupomonē* and *hupomeno*)
2. When facing tribulation, describe God’s process in our lives outlined in Romans 5:1-5. What helps us remember God’s love?
3. How do we maintain endurance (constancy, perseverance) even when we feel intense discouragement? (Hebrews 12:1-3)
4. Why is constancy, this cheerful endurance, needed in a Christian life? What is the result of perseverance through trial? (James 1:2-4, 12, Hebrews 10:35-36)
5. Can you think of a time when a strong testing of your faith produced endurance? How did this contribute to your spiritual maturity? What did you learn about yourself and God in the process?
6. How do we stand under persecution from those close to us, those who should understand us? Why is our reaction so important under this kind of persecution? (John 15:20, Luke 21:16-19, 2 Corinthians 4:7-10, 6:3-5)
7. How can we maintain our goal of glorifying God in every situation? What practical steps can you take to rise above your personal preferences for His sake? (2 Corinthians 6:3-5, James 1:2-4, 5:7-8, 11)
8. How do you “wait for the Lord” during seasons of weariness or uncertainty? What promises in Isaiah 40:30-31 encourage you to keep moving forward? How have you experienced God’s renewal?