

GROWING
IN
Grace

BUT GROW IN THE GRACE AND
KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND
SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

— 2 PETER 3:18

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LESSON 8 – PERSEVERANCE

“[add] to self-control perseverance”

(2 Peter 1:6)

PERSEVERANCE (HYPOMONE) DEFINED

- “lit., ‘an abiding under’ (hupo, ‘under,’ meno, ‘to abide’)” (VINE)
- “cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy” (STRONG)
- “the capacity to hold out or bear up in the face of difficulty, patience, endurance, fortitude, steadfastness, perseverance” (BDAG)
- “(1) steadfastness, constancy, endurance; (1a) in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings.” (THAYER)

PERSEVERANCE IS A CALL TO SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE

- Jesus' expectation for us is "*continuance*" in bearing fruit – **Luke 8:15**
- The Christian is to exercise "*patient continuance*" in their doing good – **Romans 6:4; 2:7**
- Demas did good only to stop doing good – **Colossians 4:14; Philemon 23-24; 2 Timothy 4:10**
- We take up our cross "*daily*" – **Luke 9:23**

PERSEVERANCE IS EXCELLENCE SUSTAINED THROUGH TRIAL AND TRIBULATION

“If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small” (Proverbs 24:10)

- Faith will be tested by fire – 1 Peter 1:3-9
- Perseverance proves character – Romans 5:3-4;
2 Thessalonians 1:5
- Perseverance plays a role in our confidence of salvation – Romans 8:17, 24-25

DEVELOPING PERSEVERANCE

“rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer” (Romans 12:12)

- Rejoicing in hope – 1 Thessalonians 1:3; Romans 8:25; Philippians 4:4
- Patient in tribulation – James 1:2-4; Romans 5:3
- Continuing steadfastly in prayer – James 1:5; Romans 15:5; 2 Thessalonians 3:5