

# Endurance

*Keep on Keeping on.*

*James 1:2-4 (niv) Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

The maturity of our faith is tested in times of hardship. Our true character is revealed in difficult times.

As Christ followers, we are equipped to deal with the hardships of life. We share in his:

**1. Sufferings** - *Hebrews 4:15 (niv)*

**2. Victory** - *John 16:33 (niv)*

We will experience trouble, but we must take heart for Christ has overcome the world – we have peace through Christ.

**3. Faithfulness** - *1 Corinthians 10:13 (niv)*

**4. Grace** - *2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (niv)*

**5. Comfort** - *2 Corinthians 1:3-9 (niv)*

In times of hardship, we should stand in the comfort that Christ offers to us.

We must not rely on our own abilities when facing difficult circumstances, we should put our trust in God.

## **We should never get tired of doing good.**

*Galatians 6:9 (niv) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

*1 Corinthians 15:58 (niv) Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.*

Give yourselves fully to the work of the lord. **Fully.** Not when it is easy, convenient, or when it makes you feel good. Do good in all circumstances. Especially when it's tough and you feel defeated.

*Isaiah 40:31 (niv); James 1:12 (niv); 2 Timothy 4:3-5 (gnt)*

Trusting and relying in God renews our strength, gives us energy, and allows us to live in the fullness of God, fulfilling our potential in him.

Don't just endure the suffering but do it wholeheartedly with a desire to discover all of whom God is and his goodness.

*1 Corinthians 9:24 (niv); Philippians 3:13-14 (niv); Romans 5:3-4 (niv)*

**When we come to a quitting point, draw on God's strength, and together, crash through that quitting point.**

Adversity helps us develop endurance.

Endurance is built by learning how to progress through moments of weakness, when we feel like quitting.

We need to stand on the promise that God. We share in his sufferings, victory, faithfulness, grace, and comfort. We are equipped to endure and thrive in the hard times.

Endure hardship. Press through. Be ready in season and out of season.

**Most importantly, don't get tired of doing good.**