

## **Endurance**

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#### **I. Introduction**

- A. Matt. 24:13—Lawlessness shall abound—we must endure to be saved
- B. Mark 13:13—In the midst of betrayal—we must hold out—endure
- C. Rom. 5:1–5—Perseverance produces proven character, love is a matter of character
- D. Col. 1:9–11—When we are filled with the knowledge of God’s will, it will affect the way we live. We must be strengthened unto patience and endurance which will bring joyfulness.
- E. Heb. 6:11–12—We need faith and endurance to claim God’s promises
- F. Heb. 10:35–36—We must claim the promise, then hold out—endure—until it comes
- G. Heb. 12:1—Run the race with endurance (Ecc. 9:11)
- H. James 1:2–4—If we hold out—endure—it will shape every area of our character
- I. 2 Cor. 12:12—The first evidence of an apostolic ministry is endurance
- J. 2 Tim. 4:9—Under pressure even some of the faithful lack endurance
- K. Matt. 13:19–23—We must go through two kinds of tests to achieve endurance:
  - 1. When it’s hard—persecution
  - 2. When it’s easy—riches (prosperity)

#### **II. Steps To Achieving Endurance**

- A. Make a firm unreserved commitment to Jesus
  - 1. Acts 11:23—Make your mind up that you will stick to the Lord regardless of all
  - 2. Acts 14:22—There is no way into the Kingdom of God, except by tribulation
- B. The essence of enduring is seeing Him who is invisible (Heb. 11:27)
  - 1. 2 Cor. 3:17–18—You see the invisible in the mirror of God’s Word
  - 2. 2 Cor. 4:17–18—You need to keep your feet on the ground, but your eyes must be set on that which is beyond time.
- C. Don’t give up!
  - 1. Ps. 37:23–24—When you fall, remember the Lord will pick you up
  - 2. Luke 22:31–32—Jesus prayed for Peter that his faith would not fail
- D. Remember the prize giving
  - 2 Tim. 4:7–8— Faith is a fight—you can’t escape the fight and keep your faith. You must finish the course

The Lord’s emphasis is on faithfulness