

Perseverance

Discipleship is a Relationship

1. With God
2. With Family
3. With the Church
4. With the Lost

Suggested Memory Verse
Matthew 24:13

Purpose: Examine the importance of perseverance in the life of the disciple

Consider the following definition of perseverance: *Moving toward a goal despite obstacles; sticking to a commitment even when it is not easy to do so*

1. What is something you've been successful in persevering in?
2. What is something you've failed at persevering in?
3. What do these scriptures say about perseverance?
 - A. Revelation 2:10
 - B. Matthew 24:13
4. From the following Scriptures, name which things we are to persevere in.
 - A. John 8:31
 - B. John 15:9
 - C. I Corinthians 16:13
 - D. Galatians 6:9
 - E. James 1:12
 - F. Luke 18:1
5. From the above answers, in which of these areas do you most struggle to persevere?

(Perseverance Continued)

6. Share briefly how perseverance is essential in the following areas:

- A. Christian life
- B. Discipleship
- C. Marriage
- D. Friendship
- E. Amidst trials and even persecutions

Note: Perseverance must stretch into every aspect of our lives. We must learn to be perseverant with our words and little commitments that we make from day to day.

7. How does one sometimes fail to be perseverant on the job? (Read Colossians 3:22-24)

8. Look at these Scriptures. One shows a good example of perseverance: the others show a bad example. Write who it is and how they were not perseverant.

- A. Hebrews 12:2-3
- B. 2 Timothy 4:9-10

9. How does one become perseverant? List as many helps as you can.

10. Consider the following self-evaluation questions.

- A. Have I developed the habit of daily prayer?
- B. How long have I gone without missing a day of reading Scripture and praying?
- C. Have I accepted any responsibilities at church and then failed to fulfill them?
- D. Do pressures challenge me to “keep on keeping on,” or do I feel like quitting when things get difficult?
- E. Would people close to me consider me a persevering person?
- F. Do I finish those projects which I start?