

Pt. 7. 2023 "Persevere to the End" - <u>Adversity</u>

One of the most important elements in time of ADVERSITY in PERSEVERANCE.

- 1. "The only guarantee for failure is to stop trying." John C. Maxwell
- 2. "A bend in the road, is not the end of the road... unless you fail to make the turn."
- 3. "In the moment of Adversity, it's always too soon to quit!" Persevere... Norman Vincent
- 4. "Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up" Thomas Edison

"How important it is for a Christian to persevere in time of adversity?"

1. Because it develops endurance and that fills us with of a better tomorrow

Romans 5:3-4

³ We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, (Adversities) for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character <u>strengthens our confident hope</u> of salvation.

Perseverance: persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

Endurance: the ability to withstand hardship or adversity. especially : the ability to sustain a prolonged stressful effort or activity.

Psalms 62:5-6 "My hope comes from Him" Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken.

2. Because by persevering you will show If your _____ Real or not.

• It doesn't mean you won't get discouraged; it doesn't mean you won't feel down.

Luke 8:13

¹³ Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, <u>and in</u> <u>time of testing fall away</u>.

"In the time of Adversity."

"Time" two words for Time = Kairos and chronos.

Kairos, = An event, or a season, or an epoch, or a circumstance, or a destined time, or a moment of Test Adversity.

Adversity always tests your faith...

James 1:3 ³ For you know that when "vour faith is tested"

> Trials cannot destroy true faith, because true faith is a gift from God, and the true saving faith is forever. •

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God

God tests our faith in the adversity because He wants us to see what is in our own hearts

2 Chronicles 32:31

God left him only to test him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

James 1:12

Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."

Conclusion:

What should I do while I persevere during the time of adversity?

1. KEEP ON WITH YOUR CHURCH!

Hebrews 10:25

²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

2. KEEP ON _____ IN YOUR FAITH!

1 Peter 2:2

² Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation.

3. KEEP ON SHOWING YOUR _____!

1 John 4:19-21

"We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, 'I love God," yet hates his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister."

4. KEEP ON **IN YOUR ADVERSITY!**

2 Thessalonians 1:4

⁴ We proudly tell God's other churches about your perseverance and faithfulness in all the persecutions and hardships you are suffering.