

“Growing Through Perseverance”

Romans 5:3-5

Steps in Christian Growth #9

I. THE COMMAND TO PERSEVERE.

1. Christians are to persevere during __ADVERSITY__.
2. Christians are to persevere during times of _UNANSWERED PRAYER_.
3. Christians are to persevere in their _SERVICE_ for the Lord.
4. Christians are to persevere in their _GIVING_.
5. Christians are to persevere during times of _CHASTISEMENT_.

II. THE _BENEFITS_ OF PERSEVERENCE

1. Perseverance prepares us to __FACE__ and __CONQUER__ obstacles.
2. Perseverance prepares us for _GREATER_ __SERVICE_ for the Lord.
3. Perseverance produces greater _AUTHORITY_ against the _ENEMY_.
4. Perseverance produces a greater _TESTIMONY_ and _MINISTERING_ to others.
5. Perseverance produces great _EARTHLY_ __REWARDS_.
6. Perseverance produces great _ETERNAL_ __REWARDS_.

III. THE _TRAGEDY_ OF NOT PERSEVERING

1. Failure to persevere means that one will remain a _BABE_ in Christ.
2. Failure to persevere will keep a Christian from _FRUITFULNESS_.
3. Failure to persevere will result in the _LOSS_ of one’s testimony and influence.

So how do you persevere?

1. By being __BORN__ __AGAIN__
2. The believer must begin a “_DAILY_” _WALK__ with the Lord.
3. A believer must never, never allow anything to cause them to “_TURN__BACK_” from the Lord.
4. A believer must keep their affections upon things of _ETERNITY_.