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Developing Endurance

“Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life.” James 1:12

We spend a lot of energy trying to avoid trials, yet adversity helps us develop endurance, and endurance is a powerful weapon in developing our character in Christ.

We live in the instamatic era. In this day and age we demand overnight success, overnight solutions, overnight marital bliss and even overnight spiritual maturity. If our expectations are not met suddenly we have a strong tendency to quit prematurely. Don't give up on goals and Gods mission for your life even if you are being put to the test. Endurance is essential for building a courageous faith!

It is wise to consider the high cost of quitting. So many people live with scars from having quit on something or someone. So many look back on their lives, shake their heads and ask why did I cash in so easily? It's almost always easier to quit than to endure. But if we endure the trial and testing without growing weary we will reap the breakthrough in due season, so don't lose heart. If we press through we will mature in the very nature of Christ which is; love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against these nothing can prevail! Gal. 6:9

(endurance), Gal.5:22 (spiritual fruit), 1Cor.13:8 (love never fails)

- ✓ Just over the hill is a beautiful valley, but you must climb the hill to see it.
- ✓ Keep trying. It's only from the valley that the mountain seems high.
- ✓ When things get rough, remember it's the rubbing that brings out the shine.
- ✓ God often tries us with a little to see what we will do with a lot.

“Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise.” Heb 10:35-36 NKJV

APPLICATION: List examples of times you quit something before finishing. Was there a high cost? Remember the breakthroughs and how you were weary just before the reaping season was to begin.

Character Like Embroidery, Is Made Stitch By Stitch.

Blessings Pastor Bob Hill