

3. How does perseverance _____? verses 5-8

#1 When I persevere it assures me of my _____,
(Hebrews 10:36) "For you have need of endurance [perseverance], so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:" [of salvation]

#2. When I persevere it enables me to be a _____
_____ Christian,

(1 Corinthians 13:7) "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures [perseveres through] all things."

(Luke 8:15) ""But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience [perseverance]."

(Romans 5:3-4) "And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; [4] and perseverance, character..."

(Titus 2:2) "that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience [perseverance];"

#3. When I persevere it ensures victory over _____ and _____

(2 Corinthians 6:4-5) "But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience [perseverance],/

in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, [5] in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;"

(2 Thessalonians 1:4) "so that we ourselves boast of you .. for your patience [perseverance] and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,"

(Hebrews 12:7) "If you endure [persevere through] chastening, God deals with you as with sons; ..?"

(James 5:11) "Indeed we count them blessed who endure [persevere]. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord; that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful."

#4. When I persevere it enables me to _____ consistently,

(2 Timothy 2:10) "Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, ..."



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A Snail's Pace

Tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. —Rom 5:3-4
One of my earliest childhood memories was watching snails in our backyard flower garden. I was fascinated by this little creature with a shell, a slimy little tummy, and tiny eyes that turned like periscopes. But what really seemed unusual was how slowly a snail travels.

How slow does a snail go? One study clocked a snail at 0.00758 miles per hour—or 40 feet in one hour. No wonder we use the phrase *moving at a snail's pace* to mean "slow."

Although a snail does move at a "sluggish" pace, one virtue it does possess is perseverance. The great 19th-century preacher Charles Spurgeon wryly observed, "By perseverance the snail reached the ark."

According to the apostle Paul, perseverance is a key component in character development. He explained that "tribulation produces perseverance" (Rom. 5:3). And upon that building block go character and hope (v.4). The original Greek word translated "perseverance" means "steadfastness, constancy, and endurance." It was used of believers who endured in their walk of faith despite many painful trials.

Have setbacks slowed you down to a snail's pace? Be encouraged. God doesn't ask for a fast finish. He expects persevering progress. —Dennis Fisher

When trials intrude to slow down your life,

It would be easy for you to give in;

But by perseverance you'll overcome strife,

So just keep on plodding—with Christ you'll win. —Branon

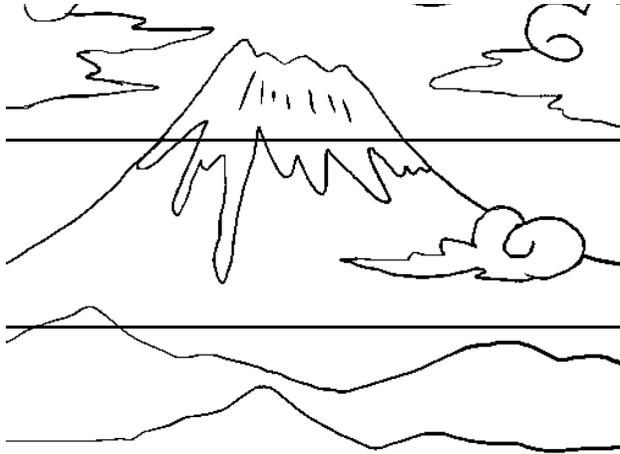
Great achievement requires great perseverance.





2 Peter: Overcoming Error The Way of Fruitfulness VI

The Way of Fruitfulness



The Summit of:

- ◆ Godliness
- ◆ Brotherly kindness
- ◆ Love

The Hard climb of:

- ◆ Self control
- ◆ Perseverance

The Foot-Hills of:

- ◆ Faith
- ◆ Virtue
- ◆ Knowledge



Lou Kasischke

2 Peter 1:5-8. There are three questions about perseverance to answer:

1. _____ perseverance?

(Matthew 10:22) "".. he who endures [perseveres] to the end will be saved."

(2 Timothy 2:12) "If we endure, [persevere] We shall also reign with Him. ..."

(Revelation 14:12) "Here is the patience [perseverance] of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

(Revelation 2:2-3) ""I know your works, your labor, your patience [perseverance] , and that you cannot bear

those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; {3} "and you have persevered and have patience, and have laboured for My name's sake and have not become weary."

(Revelation 3:10) ""Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, ..."

Lene Gamelgaard



2. How do I _____? Verse 4

#1 Perseverance come from the _____, verse 4

(Romans 15:4) "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience [perseverance] and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."

(Romans 8:25) "But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance."

(Romans 4:20-21) "He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, .. {21} .. being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform."

(Philippians 4:13) "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

#2. Perseverance comes from _____, _____ and _____,

(Romans 15:5) "Now may the God of patience [perseverance] and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,"

(Colossians 1:9) "For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be ..;" (Colossians 1:11) "strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience [perseverance] and longsuffering with joy;"

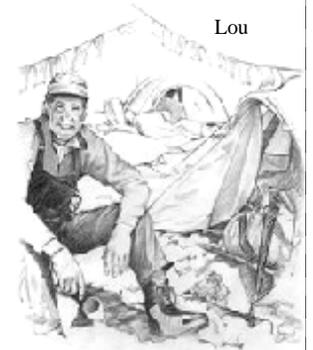
(2 Thessalonians 3:5) "Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience [perseverance] of Christ."

#3. Perseverance comes from the _____ of Christ and

Christians,

(Hebrews 12:1-3) "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance [perseverance] the race that is set before us, {2} looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured [persevered through] the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. {3} For consider Him who endured [persevered through] such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls."

(2 Corinthians 1:6) "Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation .., which is effective for enduring [persevering in] the same sufferings ..."



Lou

#4. Perseverance comes from _____,

(Romans 5:3) "And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;"

(James 1:3) "knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience [perseverance]."

#5. Perseverance comes when we minimise the _____ perseverance, Hebrews 12:1

(1 John 1:9) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."