

The “inner mile” ☆

Hebrew 12:1-3

Perseverance is: To persist in a state, enterprise, or undertaking in spite of counter influences, opposition, or discouragement.

BIBLICAL EXAMPLE: RUNNING

Heb. 12:1-3

(3 Observations)

Our Heroes Possessed It. (v.1)

Our Success Demands It. (v.1)

Our Character is Built By It. (v.2-3)

(3 Characteristics of a Person who has Perseverance)

1. I will embrace life’s hardship and overcome them.
2. I will focus my heart on the higher calling of God.
3. I will measure my character by that which causes me to quit.

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REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

1. Look up the words “perseverance and preserve” in the concordance of your bible. (If you have a NASB, include endurance and steadfastness). Pick 5-7 references and look at how the word is used. What do you see?
2. Define perseverance. Why is perseverance essential to living, in general, and the Christian life, in particular? Give some biblical examples of perseverance.
3. Look up the following references: Romans 5:3-4; James 1:3-4; 2 Peter 1:5-8. What role does perseverance play in the development of godly character?
4. How do you demonstrate perseverance in your life? Give specific examples. What are 2-3 good ways to teach children perseverance? What role does faith play in perseverance? (See Gal. 6:9)



Memory Verse

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out before us. – Hebrews 12:1