

### Tough times don't last, tough people do.

# Great opposition always follows great opportunity.

### Perseverance A steadfastness in doing something despite the difficulty or the delay in achieving success or breakthrough.

- Persistence
- Tenacity
- Determination
- Staying power
- Endurance

### Your level of success is determined by your level of perseverance.

### Perseverance is the discipline you have after you've done all that you know to do.

## Water can cut a rock not because of it's power, but it's perseverance.

### Perseverance is failing 19 times and succeeding on the 20<sup>th</sup>

### THE BIG 3

Relationship
Money
Health

### Three Parts of an arrow: 1. The shaft 2. The arrowhead 3. Feathers

Each have a specific purpose. Many spiritual truths are reflected in the process of preparing arrows. Every believer goes through each stage that the arrow goes through before they will hit the mark ordained by God. Pressure and time alone do not change us, but making the right choices in the pressure results in change.

### **Polished Arrow**

The polished arrow speaks of our character being prepared. The word polish means "to cleanse so as to make bright". The shaft of an arrow starts as a piece of wood in the branch of a tree. The shaft undergoes several stages that include; cutting, stripping, straightening, sanding, and polishing. A grueling process with many pressures is necessary for a branch to become a polished arrow. It is cut from a tree, and stripped of it's leaves and bark. The wood is straightened by immersing it in hot water and applying pressure to it by placing pegs on each side of the shaft. A crooked shaft renders an arrow useless,

because it can't hit the target.

### Feathers

For an arrow to fly straight, it must have feathers. They give it direction and stability in flight. This speaks of our being grounded in the knowledge of the Word.

### Arrowhead

For an arrow to be effective, it has to have an arrowhead made of metal or rock. An arrowhead must be sharp to give the arrow penetrating power. An arrowhead is not a natural part of the arrow. This is a picture of the anointing of the Spirit on the Word as we speak or sing it. ES 

### Sharpened

Arrowheads must be sharpened between battles. We must be filled with the spirit anew for today's battles. The anointing we experience for yesterday's battles must be renewed.

### Hidden by God

God hid Jesus in two ways- in His hand while making Him a polished arrow, and in His quiver when the polished arrow was ready to be shot. There are different stages of hiddenness in God's plan for our life.

### Quiver

The quiver carries and protects the arrow. It looks like a dark, empty shaft unless we understand what is in God's wisdom. The season of being hidden in the quiver can be the most difficult. It is a test of faith for God's servants who have; already been polished by responding rightly to Him for years, who have grown accustomed to being used by the Lord, and to people relating to them based on their ministry position and anointing. They are ready to be shot.