

Marks of a Good Soldier of Christ

ENDURANCE

Hebrews 5:7 – 6:3

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God is our refuge and strength, a helper who is always found in times of trouble. Therefore, we will not be afraid, though the earth trembles and the mountains topple into the depths of the seas, Psalm 46:1-2

though its water roars and foams and the mountains quake with its turmoil. There is a river— its streams delight the city of God, the holy dwelling place of the Most High.

Psalm 46:3-4

God is within her; she will not be toppled. God will help her when the morning dawns. Nations rage, kingdoms topple; the earth melts when he lifts his voice. The Lord of Armies is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Psalm 46:5-7

Come, see the works of the Lord, who brings devastation on the earth. He makes wars cease throughout the earth. He shatters bows and cuts spears to pieces; he sets wagons ablaze.

Psalm 46:8-9

“Stop fighting, and know that I am God, exalted among the nations, exalted on the earth.” The Lord of Armies is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Psalm 46:10-11

Put in the Work

<p>Learn Obedience</p> <p>Although he was the Son, he <u>learned obedience</u> from what he <u>suffered</u>. Hebrews 5:8</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Don't Be Lazy</p> <p>We have a great deal to say about this, and it is difficult to explain, since <u>you have become too lazy</u> to understand. Although by this time you ought to be <u>teachers</u>, you need someone to teach you the <u>basic principles</u> of God's revelation again. You need milk, not solid food. Hebrews 5:11-12</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Don't Be Lazy</p> <p>Now everyone who lives on milk is <u>inexperienced</u> with the message about righteousness, because he is an infant. But <u>solid food</u> is for the mature—for those whose senses have been trained to distinguish between good and evil. Hebrews 5:13-14</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p style="text-align: center;">Walk By Faith</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Faith From the Word</p> <p>So <u>faith</u> comes from <u>hearing</u>, and hearing through the <u>word</u> of Christ. Romans 10:17</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Faith is a Gift</p> <p>A manifestation of the Spirit is given to <u>each</u> person for the common good: to one is given a message of wisdom through the Spirit, to another, a message of knowledge by the same Spirit, to another, <u>faith by the same Spirit</u>, 2 Corinthians 12:7-9a</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Ask for More Faith</p> <p>The apostles said to the Lord, "<u>Increase our faith</u>." Luke 17:5</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

<p>Can't Please Him Without It</p> <p>Now without <u>faith</u> it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:6</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>By Faith Is Simply How We Live</p> <p>For we walk by <u>faith</u>, not by <u>sight</u>. 2 Corinthians 5:7</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>It's How We See Good</p> <p>And what more can I say? Time is too short for me to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets, who by <u>faith</u> conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, Hebrews 11:32-33</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>It's How We See Good</p> <p>quenched the raging of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, gained strength in weakness, became mighty in battle, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead, raised to life again. Hebrews 11:34-35a</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>It's How We ENDURE Tragedy</p> <p>Other people were tortured, not accepting release, so that they might gain a better resurrection. Others experienced mockings and scourgings, as well as bonds and imprisonment. Hebrews 11:35b-36</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>It's How We ENDURE Tragedy</p> <p>They were stoned, they were sawed in two, they died by the sword, they wandered about in sheepskins, in goatskins, destitute, afflicted, and mistreated. <u>The world was not worthy of them.</u> They wandered in deserts and on mountains, hiding in caves and holes in the ground. Hebrews 11:37-38</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Faith Is the Foundation</p> <p>All these were <u>approved through their faith</u>, but they did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, so that they would not be made perfect without us. Hebrews 11:39-40</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

<p>Follow the Example of Jesus</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>He ENDURED the Cross Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us <u>lay aside every hindrance</u> and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, Hebrews 12:1</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>He ENDURED the Cross <u>keeping our eyes on Jesus</u>, the pioneer and perfecter of our <u>faith</u>. For the joy that lay before him, he <u>ENDURED</u> the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2-3</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Strengthen Your Weak Knees</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Strengthen Your Weak Knees Therefore lift your drooping hands and <u>strengthen</u> your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is <u>lame</u> may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Hebrews 12:12-13</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>