

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

(Godly Wisdom – Our Compass at the Crossroads of Life)

Part 11 – Persevering Under Pressure

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1. Persevere under _____.

James 1:2-4 (NIV), “²**Consider it pure joy**, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that **the testing of your faith produces perseverance**. ⁴Let **perseverance** finish its work so that you may be **mature and complete**, not lacking anything.”

Romans 5:3-5 (NLT), “³We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us **develop endurance (perseverance)**. ⁴And endurance develops **strength of character**, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵And this hope **will not lead to disappointment**. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.”

2. You can _____ while persevering.

Palm 37:23-24 (NLT), ²³“**The LORD directs the steps of the godly**. He delights in **every detail** of their lives. ²⁴Though they stumble, they will never fall, for **the Lord holds them by the hand**.”

Isaiah 30:21 (NIV), “Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “**This is the way; walk in it.**”

Romans 8:28 (NLT), “And we know that **God causes everything to work together for the good** of those who love God and are called **according to his purpose** for them.”

3. Trust in God's _____.

Galatians 6:9 (NLT), “⁹So **let's not get tired of doing what is good**. At **just the right time** we will reap a **harvest of blessing** if we **don't give up**.”

Isaiah 40:31 (NASB), “Yet those who **wait for the Lord** will gain **new strength**. They will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.”

1 Peter 5:6-7 (NASB), “Therefore **humble yourselves** under the mighty hand of God, that He may **exalt you at the proper time**, ⁷casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.”

4. Don't _____ for less than God's best.

Genesis 11:26-28 (NLT), “²⁶After Terah was 70 years old, he became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran. ²⁷This is the account of Terah's family. Terah was the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran was the father of Lot. ²⁸But **Haran died in Ur of the Chaldeans**, the land of his birth, while his father, Terah, was still living.”

Genesis 11:31-32 (NLT), “³¹One day Terah took his son Abram, his daughter-in-law Sarai (his son Abram's wife), and his grandson Lot (his son Haran's child) and moved away from Ur of the Chaldeans. **He was headed for the land of Canaan, but they stopped at Haran and settled there**. ³²Terah lived for 205 years and died while still in Haran.”

Hebrews 10:36 (NIV), “**You need to persevere** so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.”

5. Be encouraged by the _____ example.

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV), “Therefore, since we are **surrounded by such a 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 for us. ²**fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he **endured the cross**, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Proverbs 24:16 (NLT), “The godly may trip seven times, but **they will get up again**. But **one disaster** is enough to overthrow the wicked.”

Philippians 3:13-14, “Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, **14) I press on toward the goal** for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”
