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**Revelation 3:8 (NKJV)** – *“I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name*

**I. Previous Sessions**

- A. Understanding the Open Door
- B. Stop Identifying with the Curse
- C. Always Identify with the Blessing.
- D. Have you asked for it?
- E. How to deal with Rejection (when the answer is no).
- F. Insecurity and Inferiority

**II. Persistency – The Key to Success****A. Persistence Definition**

- 1. A firm continuance in a course of action in spite of difficulty and opposition
- 2. Patience, endurance, constancy, determination, staying power.

**B. Persistence & Perseverance**

- 1. The open door (God’s Blessing) doesn’t just happen.
- 2. There will be opposition.
- 3. There will be opportunities to give up.
- 4. If you can be distracted and moved from your assignment, you will be.

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5. Once you choose to be persistence you will need perseverance.
6. Persistence and Perseverance are so closely related that you may have difficulty distinguishing the difference.
  - a. Persistence is the choice to continue something, in spite of difficulty and opposition – I persist – I refuse to quit.
  - b. Perseverance is connected to the process. It is the continuation of commitment through action in spite of the lack of success. It is the ability to overcome repetitive problems from difficult situations.
  - c. Persistence is a choice – Perseverance is the hard work you do after you do the hard work you already did.
  - d. Persistence says – “I’m going to do this.” Perseverance is the work required to see the results.
7. **Steve Jobs** – “Half of what separates the successful entrepreneurs from the non-successful ones is pure perseverance, and if you are not passionate about what you do, you will not stick with it. Too many people want instant gratification these days, and that’s not going to cut it.”
8. **Instance Gratification**
  - a. Immediate satisfaction.
  - b. The quick attainability of happiness or contentment.
  - c. The desire to experience fulfillment without delay of deferment.
  - d. Unwilling to wait – Unwilling to work for it.
9. Many people have fallen short of what they could have been simply because they were not willing to wait for it – they were not willing to work for it. (No persistence – No perseverance)
10. “If God wants me to have it, I will have it.”  
God is all about persistency and Perseverance.

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**Genesis 29:16-20 (NKJV)** – <sup>16</sup>Now Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup>Leah's eyes were delicate, but Rachel was beautiful of form and appearance.

<sup>18</sup>Now Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter." <sup>19</sup>And Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me."

<sup>20</sup>So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed only a few days to him because of the love he had for her

1. Jacob saw something he wanted – Rachel.
2. Jacob would serve Laban for seven years in exchange for Rachel.
3. Served – work – labor – to make oneself a servant.  
*Many translations say "Work".*
4. Laban had large flocks – the responsibilities would be great  
*Grazing/feeding – Water – protection*
5. Jacob is willing to work for what he desires.
  - a. *Success is connected to setting your eyes on what you desire.*
  - b. *Be willing to work for it!*
  - c. *God is blessing Jacob – but Jacob is required to cooperate through the work of his hands.*
  - d. *God will bless what you put your hands to.*
  - e. *God doesn't call us to idleness – a state of inaction laziness – negligence – slackness – inactivity – dormancy – inaction*
  - f. *God is not idle/ neither should his children be.*
6. When Jacob left home, he had no flocks and not much wealth.

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7. By the end of the story, Jacob is greatly blessed – but he had to work for it! God blessed him – but he still had to work for it.

**Genesis 30:43 (NLT)** – *As a result, Jacob became very wealthy, with large flocks of sheep and goats, female and male servants, and many camels and donkeys*

**Genesis 30:43 (BSB)** – *Thus Jacob became exceedingly prosperous. He owned large flocks, maidservants and menservants, and camels and donkeys*

**Genesis 30:43 (YLT)** – *And the man increaseth very exceedingly!*

8. Jacob's Labor – 20 years for Laban

**Genesis 31:41-42 (NKJV)** – <sup>41</sup>*Thus I have been in your house twenty years; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times.*

<sup>42</sup>*Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked you last night.*

Notice -God saw the labor of Jacob's hands.

- a. God would not allow his labor to be taken advantage of.
  - b. Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap.
9. Jacob's Persistence and Perseverance – the keys to his success!
- a. Most people would have quit after the first seven years.
  - b. Certainly, many would have quit after the second seven years.
  - c. Jacob's persistence got him Rachel.
  - d. Jacob's persistence and perseverance paid off – Great wealth!
10. God will bless those who are persistent and who will persevere through the difficult times.

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**Genesis 26:18-22 (NKJV)** – <sup>18</sup>*And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham. He called them by the names which his father had called them.* <sup>19</sup>*Also Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found a well of running water there.* <sup>20</sup>*But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the name of the well Esek, because they quarreled with him.* <sup>21</sup>*Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that one also. So he called its name Sitnah.* <sup>22</sup>*And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, because he said, "For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."*

- A. Verse 18 – Isaac dug again the wells that had already been dug.
- B. Verse 19 – Isaac dug another well in the valley – someone claimed his water.
- C. Verse 21 – He dug another well – they claimed that one as well.
- D. Verse 22 – He dug another well – Now the Lord will bless him.
- E. What is Isaac had quit after the first opposition?
- F. His persistence and perseverance paid off – Now we shall be fruitful.
- G. Fruitful seasons come after persistence and perseverance.
- H. If you are not in your fruitful season, you must in a season of persistence and perseverance.
- I. Notice again – Isaac had to labor – digging wells isn't easy.
- J. Notice – God didn't just provide water – His provision came through the well that Isaac dug.
- K. Need provision – dig a well.
- L. If the first wells don't succeed – dig another one – and another one.
- M. Eventually, you will reach your fruitful season – if you are persistent and continue to persevere.