

PERSEVERE TO THE END / *Luke 21:19*

Luke 21:19, “By standing firm, you will win your souls.”

2 Timothy 4:5, “But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don’t be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at bringing others to Christ. Complete the ministry God has given you.”

Hebrews 3:6, “But Christ, the faithful Son, was in charge of the entire household. And we are God’s household, if we keep up our courage and remain confident in our hope in Christ.”

Revelation 14:12, “Let this encourage God’s holy people to endure persecution patiently and remain firm to the end, obeying his commands and trusting in Jesus.”

Perseverance grows out of commitment to Jesus Christ. Standing firm is not the way to be saved but the evidence that a person is really committed to Jesus. Endurance is not a means to earn salvation; it is the by-product of a truly devoted life.

God will make believers’ perseverance worthwhile. He will help his people complete whatever work he has called them to do; he will help them draw others into the kingdom.

Perseverance keeps believers courageous and hopeful because they can trust Christ. Because Christ lives in Christians and because he is completely trustworthy to fulfill all his promises, believers can remain courageous and hopeful.

Believers’ ability to persevere is related to the quality of our relationship with God. The secret to perseverance is trust and obedience. Trust God to give you the patience to endure even the small trials you face daily. The fact of God’s ultimate triumph can encourage believers to remain steadfast in their faith through every trial and persecution.