

PERSEVERANCE

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per-se-ver-ance

determined continuation with something: steady and continued action or belief, usually over a long period and especially despite difficulties or setbacks

"...make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love." 2 Peter 1:5-7 NIV

"Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other."
Walter Elliot

Three Traits of People Who Persevere:

**1. People who persevere have a _____
that's worth the pain.**

"For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better."
Philippians 1:21 NLT

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

"...because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross..." Hebrews 12:2 NLT

**2. People who persevere are _____
without condition.**

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... Hebrews 12:1 NIV

"Bear one another's burdens..." Galatians 6:2 ESV

3. People who persevere _____.

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19:30 ESV

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise." John 5:19 ESV