

“The Need to Persevere”

2 Peter 1:1-11

Key Points to Remember

- 1. We Supply what God Provides**
- 2. Each Quality Builds on The Previous One**
- 3. These Qualities Ought to be Growing in our lives.**
- 4. These Qualities Make Us Useful to God**
- 5. Our Redemption is the Motivation for Developing these Qualities**
- 6. These Qualities Help us Feel Secure in our Relationship with God**

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Ephesians 4:1,2

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

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“I tried and failed; I tried again and again, and succeeded.”

“ I didn’t fail 1000 times. The light bulb was an invention with 1000 steps.”

“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.”

- Failed in business in 1831;
- Defeated for Legislature in 1832;
- Second Failure in business in 1833;
- Suffered nervous breakdown in 1836;
- Defeated for Speaker in 1838;
- Defeated for Elector in 1840;
- Defeated for Congress in 1843;
- Defeated for Congress in 1848;
- Defeated for Senate in 1855;
- Defeated for Vice President in 1856;
- Defeated for Senate in 1858;
- Elected President in 1860

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Hebrews 10:36

For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

Romans 8:24,25

For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, through perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

Romans 2:5-7

But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who will repay each person according to his deeds: to those who by perseverance in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality, He will give eternal life

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Romans 5:3,4

And not only this, but we also celebrate in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope

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Matthew 13:20-22

The one sown with seed on the rocky places, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution occurs because of the word, immediately he falls away. And the one sown with seed among the thorns, this is the one who hears the word, and the anxiety of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

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6. Development of Perseverance

Romans 15:5

Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus

Two frogs fell into a deep cream bowl,
One was an optimistic soul;
But the other took the gloomy view,
“We shall drown,” he cried, without more ado.

So with a last despairing cry,
He flung up his legs and said, “Good bye”
Quoth the other frog with a merry grim,
“I can’t get out, but I won’t give in.

I'll just swim round till my strength is spent,
Then will I die the more content.
Bravely he swam till it would seem
His struggles began to churn the cream.

On the top of the butter at last he stopped,
And out of the bowl he gaily hopped.
What of the moral? Tis easily found;
If you can't hop out; keep swimming around.

