

Perseverance Persistence Patience Hebrews 6:9-12

Text written to encourage those becoming weary living Christian life.

Some of the Hebrew Christians were in danger of throwing away their wonderful privileges in Christ, this is the writer warning.

To be a faithful Christian one must have patience, persistence, perseverance, steadfastness, and endurance.

Bring Reward In Every Aspect Of Life!

Ty Cobb - Record for stealing bases. He was called "out" more times trying to steal than any other person in baseball history.

Babe Ruth - Record for home runs hit in the number of games in which he played. He also holds the record for the number of strike outs, over 1300X he struck out.

Thomas Edison - failed over 14,000X in efforts to invent light bulb

Abraham Lincoln - Lost 8 elections before he was elected 16th President

Albert Einstein - Failed courses in mathematics but went on to be a mathematical genius.

John Creasey - British novelist who published 564 books. He did not sell his first manuscript until he had been rejected 774 times.

Perseverance - Persistence - Patience

Perseverance, Persistence, Patience Rewards Christian Living

The Lord wants every Christian to grow up - **2Peter 3:18**

Comes time we need to put away childish behaviors - **1Corinthians 13:11**

We need to study the word of God and exercise ourselves to godliness to grow spiritually - **Hebrews 5:13-14**

Maturity comes by doing God's will, seeking His ways - **2Peter 1:5-8**

Finishing race before us brings great spiritual reward - **Hebrews 10:35-39**

Why Do People Quit Considering The Reward?

Let obstacles overcome them rather than overcoming - **Philippians 3:13-14**

They quit because they are unwilling to pay the price for victory

Anything worthwhile involves discomfort No pain, no gain - **Hebrews 12:1**

They lose sight of the goal - **Hebrews 12:2; Philippians 3:20-21**

They are too much in love with this world - **1John 2:15**

They simply give up too easily

Failure Does Not Have To Be Fatal Or Even Final!

Don't pull player because of one failure, or kick off team because of slump

Spiritual slumps will happen to everyone, we must stay in the race

Look at John Mark, the writer of the 1st book written of the NT - **Acts 15:37-38; 2Timothy 4:11**

Tribulations & afflictions make us stronger, Paul - **Romans 5:3-5**

Affliction/tribulation great teacher of Perseverance, Persistence, Patience.

This is commonly called "The School of Hard Knocks."

There are many graduates of that "great" school of learning.

It Brings Great Reward

Revelation 21:7

Winston Churchill at Oxford University commencement said these few words "Never give up!" After several seconds of silence, he rose up on his toes and repeated "Never give up!"

Galatians 6:9