Persisting Under Pressure

Time in the Word

I don’t think I hear anything from people as a pastor like their struggles, challenges and despair about the pressures they feel in their life.

* Life is full of pressure in all its seasons, and ages
* The believer lives in those pressures also. Pressures of temptation – flesh, world, devil
* The believer lives in those pressures that come from the trials that God sends or permits to come in life.

The fact is we are either enduring or persisting by faith in our temptations and trials or we are despairing in them!

How are you doing today in your effort to persist under pressure?

James 1:12

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. - NASB

God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive a crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him - NLT

**Hear it**

1. **God blesses those who endure – persist the testing of their faith**
2. **God blesses those who endure – persist by resisting temptation**
3. **God will reward those who endure - persist the test or the temptation**
4. **God’s people endure – persist in tests and temptations because they love God**

**Believe it**

1. **Today recognize that God tests your faith in Him by the trials that come in your life**
2. **Today recognize that when we endure – persist – resist temptation from the world, flesh and devil God is pleased**
3. **Remember that God always rewards those who live by faith and endure – persist in all their conditions**
4. **When you love God you recognized that nothing that comes in your life is from a God who loves you**

**Live it**

1. **Resist temptation by living a Spirit filled life**
2. **Resist temptation by killing your sinful desires everyday**
3. **Resist the world & devil’s temptations to compromise & not believe God**
4. **Accept the trials of life as God’s loving discipline to make you more like Christ Jesus**
5. **Wait for God’s coming reward for your endurance in temptations & tests**
6. **Love the Lord with all your heart, mind and strength while you are being tempted & tested**

**Prayer**

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