

Endurance is a virtue to be pursued

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A. Endurance finds its source in our view of God Himself

Colossians 1:9-14

1. A knowledge of God is essential to spiritual growth. Vs 9
2. A knowledge of God is essential to a productive life. Vs 10
3. A knowledge of God empowers us to endure all things for Christ's sake Vs 11
4. A knowledge of God produces confidence in us. Vs 12-14

B. Endurance is a gift from God

Habakkuk 3:17-18 Romans 15:5

C. Endurance is a decision we must make.

1. We are commanded to pursue endurance.
1 Timothy 6:11 2 Peter 1:6
2. We are commanded to teach endurance or promote it in the lives of others. Titus 2:1-2
3. We are to set an example for others in endurance.
Hebrews 12:1 2 Corinthians 6:4

D. Endurance is embracing God's sovereign control in my life, in the life of others and in world events.

Elijah at Mount Sinai... 1 Kings 19:9-13

Job on the ash heap.... Job 38-42 42:5-6

John in prison... Matthew 11:4-6

Revelation 13:10 Revelation 14:12