

## Perseverance

The Biblical subject of **perseverance** has much to do with the objective of reaching others with the *Gospel of Christ*; the **good news of Life** and so it's not merely a "personal objective" for "personal accomplishments".

### Endurance presupposes Perseverance

**1 Thess.2:9; 3:1-5**

**Perseverance** signifies in the Scripture "to go right to the end".

The subject of **perseverance** is inseparable from **finishing**.

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**2 Thess.1:3-5:**

**Perseverance** is commanded because **\*endurance is guaranteed** by God as being **His righteous judgment over Satan** who wants to destroy you and God's Kingdom.

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### Limited Perseverance:

**Matthew 10:22** And you will be hated by all on account of My name, but it is the one who has **endured to the end** who is being saved.

**James 1:2, 3:** Consider it pure joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

**2 Corinthians 12:12** The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all **perseverance**, ...

### Sidetracked after Success:

\* **Colossians 4:14:** "Our dear friend Luke and **Demas** send greetings"

\* **Philemon 1:24** "...**Demas** and Luke, my fellow workers..."

\* **2 Timothy 4:10:** "**Demas**, **\*because he loved this world**, has **deserted** me and has gone..."

"...friendship with the world!"

Demas did something far **more serious** and much **more dangerous** than anything that the Romans could have done to him!

- Is it possible that he has succumbed finally to the pressure of persecution or simply to the "**attractions of this present world**"?!

**James 4:4** - "...don't you know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore, **\*whoever wishes to become a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God**!"

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