

Bucket Talk – Perseverance

What are some other words for Perseverance?

Week 5

Endurance—The ability or power to bear prolonged exertion, pain, or hardship

Persistence—The quality of continuing steadily despite problems or obstacles

Overcome—To struggle successfully against a difficulty or disadvantage; To win or be successful, especially in spite of obstacles or adversity

Never Quit - An Attitude of “Never Say Die”; “It Ain’t Over ‘Til It’s Over”; A Never-Give-Up Mindset

Bible Verses

Galatians 6:9 *For we must not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don’t give up*

James 1:1-3 *Consider it a great joy, my brothers, whenever you experience various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.*

Perseverance in Sports - The key to being a winner!

The mark of a winner is his heart. The will to win. The resolve to **never give up**. The drive to always press on to the goal. When the going gets tough, the tough get going. Call it heart, endurance, character, call it whatever you want. **God calls it Perseverance.**



Take, for example a gifted athlete who is blessed with every advantage: size, height, speed, muscles, strength. He is the total package. A physical specimen. Inevitably, he is competing against a less-gifted athlete, who is smaller, slower, shorter, less muscular. So often, the less-gifted athlete beats the swifter and more muscular one. Strange as that is, even King Solomon in one of the books in the Bible (Ecclesiastes Chapter 9, verse 11) recognized “that the fastest runner doesn’t always win the race, and the strongest warrior doesn’t always win the battle.”

What makes the difference? The edge lies deep within. The difference is the heart. The will to win. A winner has the willpower and staying power to endure in the heat of battle. He overcomes whatever is necessary to win. Whatever the opposition. Whatever the difficulty, be it mental fatigue or physical pain. Whatever. He endures all to win.

WINNERS NEVER QUIT & QUITTERS NEVER WIN. This truth does not just apply to sports, but it is equally applicable in Life...everyday Life...the Christian Life. **God’s champions never quit.** To win the imperishable crown, we must run with endurance and press to the finish. Quitters never win. Not in sports.

“A champion sees every challenge as an opportunity.”