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**SPIRITUALLY INTELLIGENT PEOPLE DON'T QUIT**



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- **Definition:**
- **Perseverance** is not giving up. It is persistence and tenacity, the effort required to do something and keep doing it till the end, even if it's hard. --persistence in doing something despite difficulty, obstacles or discouragement which delay in achieving success:

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- Is not.....
- Apathy
- Cowardice
- Indifference
- Irresolution
- Weakness
- Idleness
- Indolence
- Laziness
- Lethargy

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- Biblical context
  - OT – God’s permanence/man’s ability to change; confidence in God doing it
  - NT – Hypomone (steadfastness under pressure) – perseverance; endurance; faith; hope Good works – what we do - Suffering – what we show

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- Who in the Bible do you think demonstrated perseverance?

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- **Hebrews 12:1-2**
- Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.



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- What hinders us from persevering?

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- **Romans 5: 3-5**
- Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that **suffering produces perseverance;** <sup>4</sup> **perseverance, character;** and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

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- **Hebrews 10:35-39**
- <sup>35</sup> So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.
- <sup>36</sup> You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. <sup>s</sup>

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- **What is God calling you to persevere at? How's it going?**
- Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4