

The Imperative of Perseverance

2 Peter 1:6*

"in your faith supply moral excellence and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance,"

Christian perseverance is only a quality in the believer because initially it is a gift of God. It is by his power that those who trust in him are 'guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time' (1 Pet. 1:5).¹

When we exhibit and develop these traits in our lives then we are bearing fruit. Primarily, these are character traits, not activities, although if the Christlike characteristics are present then they will surely affect and transform our actions.²

- Christian perseverance originates with God (Rom.15:5)
- Christian perseverance develops in adversity (Rom.5:3)
- Christian perseverance shapes our character (Rom.5:4)
- The results of your perseverance

* These notes are prayerfully prepared to aid, not replace, your personal study of God's Word.

¹ A. S. Wood, "Perseverance," ed. D. R. W. Wood et al., *New Bible Dictionary* (Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996), 903.

² Charles Caldwell Ryrie, *Transformed by His Glory* (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1990), 108.