

Faith That Perseveres:

This article is a brief synopsis of the complete audio message that describes how my heart that had been damaged thru 4 heart attacks was supernaturally healed thru Faith *AND* Perseverance. Discover how YOU can receive the same deliverance whether it be healing, provision, restoration of marriage and family, financial miracles or whatever else you need.

Scripture Reference:

"So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised." [Heb. 10:35-36 NIV]

You Need Patience to Inherit the Promise!

Most people mistakenly think that simply *believing* the Word of God is true is enough to obtain the promised blessings, however the Bible teaches otherwise. According to the Bible; simply believing is not enough because "*even the devils believe and they tremble*": James 2:19.

Careful study of Scripture teaches us that in addition to our *believing* the Word of God, we must also *act* upon and *speak* what we believe if we are to see the blessings manifested. This is called FAITH. Yet, scripture also teaches us that there is ONE MORE element that must be *added* to our faith if we are to overcome present circumstances and obtain the promise. That additional element is called: "Patience" or what the Scripture defines as "*Perseverance*"!

Patience (Perseverance) is Required:

Did you notice from the above scripture that according to the Word of God, *AFTER* we do the Word of God there is one MORE thing that is needed BEFORE we can actually obtain the promised blessing? Scripture states that patience is needed in order to see the manifestation of the blessing. If this is true, then it explains why so many of God's people never obtain the blessings, and it also indicates to us that it is to our benefit to gain a better understanding of this passage if we are ever to walk in the manifested promises of God.

Understanding the Word "Patience"::

- "For you have need of patience, that, after you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise." [Heb 10:36 KJV]
- "You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised." [Heb 10:36 NIV]
- "For you have need of steadfast endurance, so that you may perform and fully accomplish the will of God, and thus receive and carry away [and enjoy to the full] what is promised." [Heb 10:36 Amplified Bible]

Notice in the above translations that the word used to describe what is needed can be rendered three ways:

- Patience
- Perseverance
- Steadfast Endurance

For more understanding we can also look at a similar passage found in Hebrews: "*That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*" [Hebrews 6:12]

Notice again that it is not just faith that causes the promises to be obtained, but faith *AND* patience.

There's that word again!

To better understand this passage, we must understand the definition of the word used in the original text found in Hebrews 6:12. The word used in the original text is "makrothumia". This is a compound word (a word that combines two words together). When rendered correctly the resulting meaning is "Fierce-Longness".

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What Is Fierce-Longness?

Think about this for a moment: What does the word "fierce" mean? Among other definitions the dictionary defines "fierce" as:

- *Eager to fight for and use all of one's power*
- *Ready to use violent force to obtain by any means*

The word "longness" is self-explanatory: It means "*to be willing to take as much time as necessary no matter how long to achieve the objective*".

Now that we have a better understanding of this, let's look at both the Greek and the English definitions of the word used in both passages and translated as "patience".

- **Patience:** *to be willing to take as much time as necessary no matter how long to achieve the objective*
 - **Perseverance:** *the quality that allows someone to continue trying to do something even though it is difficult*
 - **Steadfast Endurance:** *the ability to do something difficult for a long time*
 - **Fierce-Longness:** *Eager to fight for and use all of one's power and ready to use violent force to obtain by any means - to be willing to take as much time as necessary no matter how long to achieve the objective*
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It Takes Faith AND Patience (Fierce-Longness):

"You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised." [Heb 10:36 NIV]

Now look again at the passage and notice that MORE than just faith is needed. Notice also that perseverance (fierce-Longness) is not just mentioned as something that might be nice to have - but rather it is NEEDED: The word "need" means "to require".

If the Scripture tells us that perseverance or fierce-longness is needed - then we can be sure that in order for us to obtain the promised blessing that is mentioned than we *cannot* obtain it without it!

We NEED perseverance (Fierce-Longness).

This being the case - let's look at the passage again, but this time let's use the FULL definition of the words so that we can get a full understanding of exactly what the Scripture is trying to impart to us:

"You need (it is required of you) to persevere (have fierce-longness), to be willing to take as much time as necessary no matter how long it takes to achieve the objective, to continue trying to do what is required even though it is difficult, and to be eager to fight for and use all of your power and ready to use violent force to obtain by any means - so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised." [Heb. 10:36 NIV]

God Has Made Us A Promise:

Our Heavenly Father has given us His Word, that if we will use our faith, and have the patience, perseverance, steadfast endurance, and fierce-longness that is required of us - then we WILL obtain the promised blessing of Health, healing, deliverance, provision, safety, soundness, and any other promise granted the Church in Scripture.

I encourage you brothers and sisters, do as the Word says: "So do not throw away your confidence (or trust in the God's promises); it will be richly rewarded. (But) You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised." [Heb 10:35-36]

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