



If You Care You Will Persevere (Nehemiah 6)

Sunday, November 1, 2018 AVBC 10:30 am

AVBC Elders- "Rebuilding a community often produces varied and escalating opposition (verbal snipers, spreading of rumours/lies, entrapment temptation and verbal/physical threats) designed to intimidate and cause leaders to be distracted or react in fearful, sinful behaviour."

I. Keep on keeping on in spite of _____ side-tracks. (vs. 1-4)

Teach me good discernment and knowledge, For I believe in Your commandments. (Psalm 119:66)

- Discernment is a wise thing to _____ God for.
- Discernment is developed by understanding and applying God's _____.

II. Keep on keeping on in spite of _____ attacks. (vs.5-9,14)

AVBC Elders- "Leaders are not robots. They get worn down and discouraged. They must continually bring their fears and burdens to the Lord."

The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread? (Psalm 27:1) (NASB)

III. Keep on keeping on in spite of _____ detracts. (vs.10-13) (Matthew 16, Numbers 1:51; 3:10; 18:1a,7)

IV. Keep on keeping on in spite of ongoing _____. (vs. 17-19)

Q: What's the "pay off" of perseverance?

- ✓ When you persevere the _____ gets done. (v.15)
- ✓ When you persevere your _____ get silenced. (v.16)
- ✓ When you persevere people's _____ lose their power. (v.19)
- ✓ When you persevere _____ gets the _____. (v.16)

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(For use in personal/family devotions or with your Care group)

Q1: If you had to explain the importance of perseverance to someone what real life example would you use to make your point? Explain.

Q2: Has there ever been a time in your life that you were glad that you persevered or perhaps regretted giving up too soon? If so, explain

Q3: Read Hebrews 12:7-13. What do these verses teach you about perseverance? Does anything in these verses surprise you? If so, what?

Q4: What kinds of things (experiences, thoughts, emotions) tempt you to throw in the towel and quit?

Q5: Read Psalm 56. What does David's life experience teach you about how to "keep on keeping on" in light of what you are facing today?

Q6: Perseverance always results in personal benefit. However, perseverance also often produces positive ripple effects in a group or community. Conversely, lack of perseverance can have devastating affects upon others. Can you think of an example from your own life that illustrates either of these opposite realities? If so, explain.

Q7: Read James 1:2-8. What does James have to say about what produces perseverance in our lives? What is perseverance linked to?