NEW TESTAMENT CHALLENGE

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The Challenge of Perseverance

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

Hebrews 12:1

Perseverance is following God's will for my life despite counter influences.

4 Godly Opportunities to Persevere:

I) In my _____.

A) "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. "You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him. Matthew 7:7-11

B) Pray in the Spirit at all times & on every occasion. Stay alert & be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. Ephesians 6:18

II) In my _____.

A) But Peter and John replied, "Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? Acts 4:19

B) Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly. 1 Timothy 4:7

C) So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. James 1:4

III) In times of _____.

A) Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Romans 5:3-4 (NIV)

B) And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God

and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28

IV) In _____.

And remember, the Lord's patience gives people time to be saved. This is what our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom God gave him. 2 Peter 3:15

That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

My Next Step Is:

- I'm making a decision for Christ and accepting the free gift of Salvation!
- I'm recommitting my life to Christ.
- I will memorize Hebrews 12:1.
- I will persevere in the area of: _____.