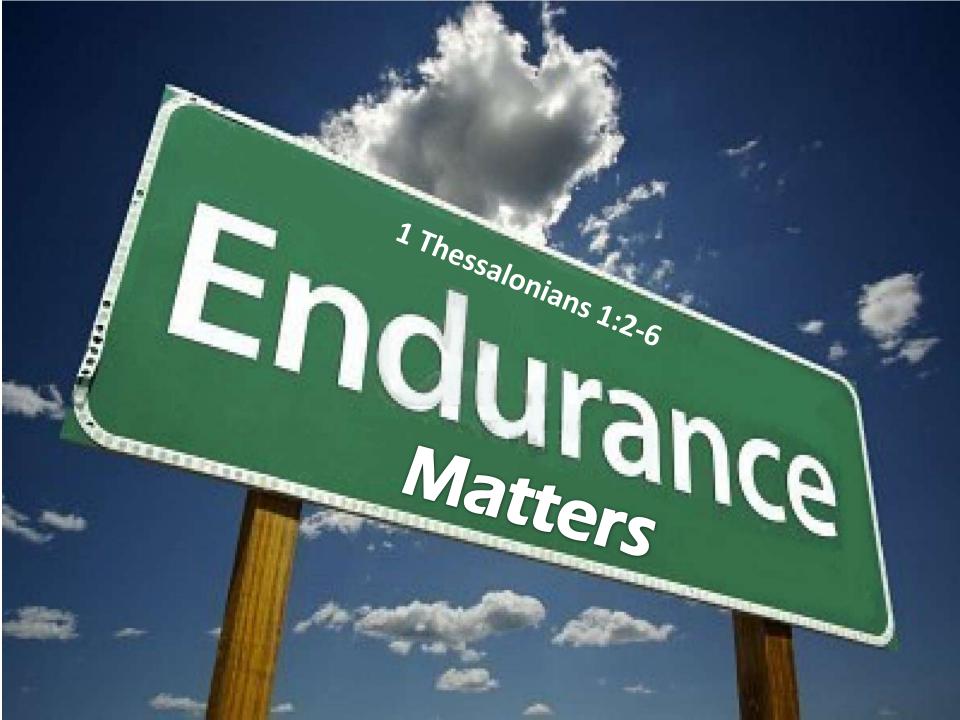
The Apostle Paul says...

The **Truth of the Gospel** *matters most* The **Character of Leadership** *matters most* The **Practice of Godliness** *matters most*

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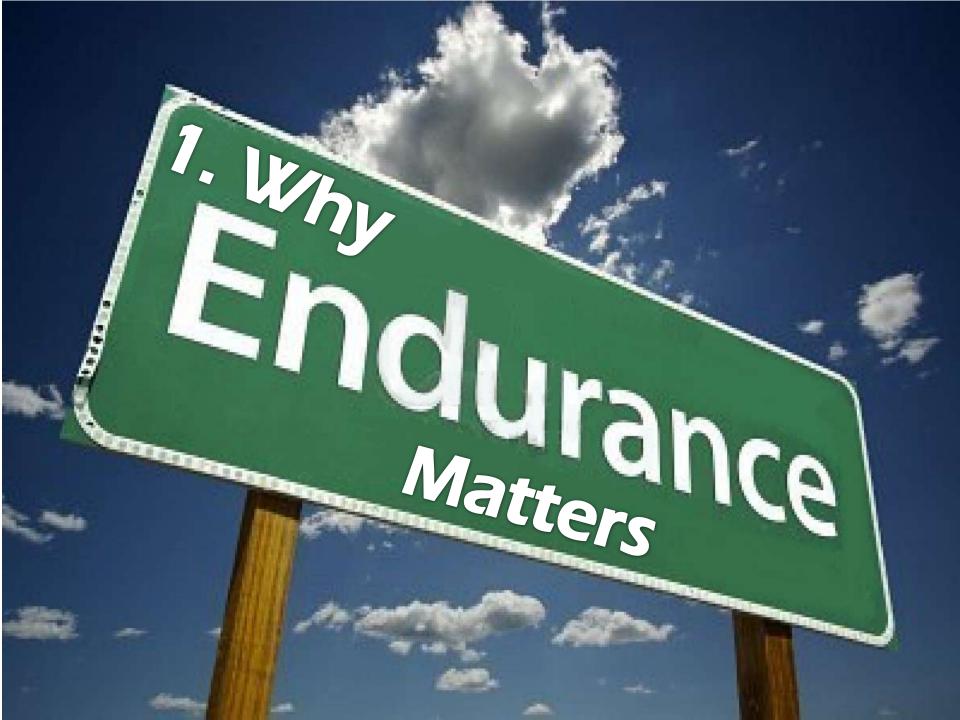
What Matters Most?

The Reward of Endurance



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7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." '

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Revelation 2:17, 26

17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it." '

26 And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—

Revelation 3:5, 12

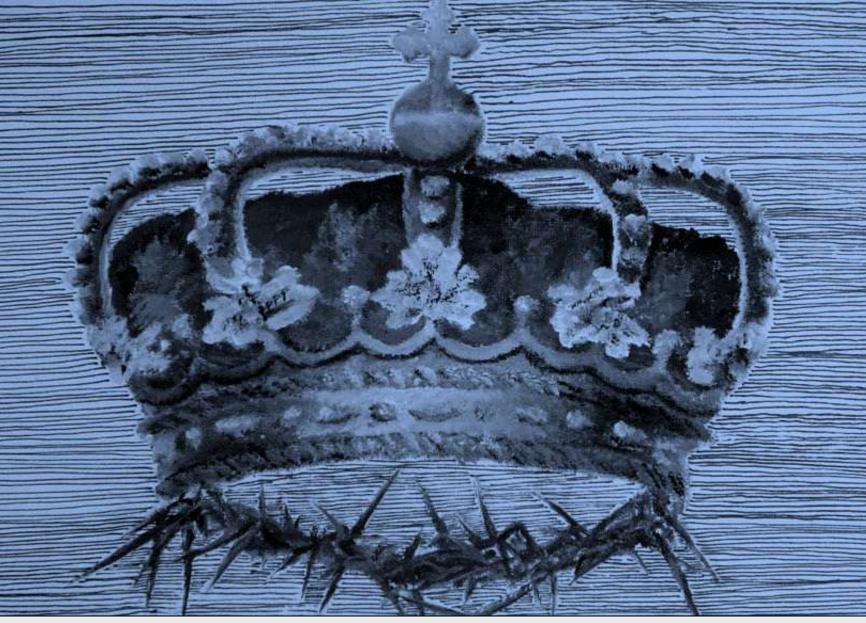
5 He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

Revelation 3:21

21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Revelation 21:7 (NKJV) He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.



2 Timothy 2:12 If we endure, we shall also reign with Him

Galatians 6:9

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

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The Underwater Test

III. The Key to Endurance

"Looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.".

Hebrews 12:2

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Hebrews 12:13

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of faith,

James 1:12

"If you persevere through that test you'll be blessed and you'll receive a crown of life."

