

Endurance!

KJV Hebrews 6:10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of **those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.**

Most scholars believe (as I do) that Paul is the author of Hebrews!

In these few verses Paul is referring to the great apostasy he had mentioned earlier—[where he said in the last days there would be a great number of believers who would turn away from Christ!](#)

NIV Hebrews 6:9 Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case-- things that accompany salvation.

Paul says he is confident this will not be the case with these saints and he goes on to encourage them saying...

God is not unjust to forget the work and labor of love the saints have given His people do to build The Kingdom of God!

The reason I use the words ***Kingdom of God*** and not God's people is because—God's people are **“The Kingdom of God!”**

Helping God's people is building The Kingdom of God because Jesus said in **Luke 17:21**... **“The Kingdom of God is within us.”**

ESV Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

- When we **promote righteousness** by living right we are loving God's people!
- When we **promote peace** by not stirring up strife, we are loving God's people!
- When we **promote joy** by not making others sad or depressed we are loving God's people!

So God doesn't forget our living right and promoting peace & joy!

God promises us like He did our father Abraham, if we walk by faith and exercise patience we will get what He promises us!

NIV Galatians 3:29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

KJV Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

We inherit everything God promised Abraham but we only get it through faith and patience.

ESV 2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

The **King James** uses the words “*yea and amen*”!

Yea meaning “**truth**” and Amen meaning “**so be it**”!

Everything God promised us is **TRUTH** so we by faith say **SO BE IT!**

But after we say **AMEN** we have to walk it out—this takes us back to our foundational scripture:

Hebrews 6:12 We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

We don't want to become people who just say **AMEN or *that's true, or preach bishop* when we hear the word—that's being lazy!**

Amen is an appropriate faith response, saying we believe and accept The Word of God as **TRUTH**.

But Paul says we need to add **PATIENCE** to our Amen (**faith**) if we want the promises!

Because it's through **FAITH and PATIENCE** we inherit the promises!

Patience is the ability to stay the course over a long period of time; enduring hardships, challenges, heartaches, trials and tests.

Resisting the desire to quit, give up, turn around or take the easy route!

The Greek word is associated with “**remaining under** the weight of the test until God brings us out! **It has a lot to do with humility!**”

The Bible uses other synonyms to help us understand patience, words like:

➤ **Longsuffering, Forbearance, Perseverance and Endurance!**

KJV 2 Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

KJV 2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine;

Paul says again there's coming a time when people will not **endure, tolerate or sit under sound Biblical teaching!**

KJV Hebrews 12:7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons!

Jesus says "*he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*"
(**Matthew 24:13**)

ESV Mark 4:16 And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy.

17 And they have no root in themselves, but **endure for a while**; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away.

KJV Hebrews 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

You've been walking by faith all this time, all you need is ENDURANCE!

Notice what **verse 35** says...*do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.*

❖ **Confidence** here means "fearless faith, boldness in believing"

We've been confident, bold and fearless all this time, don't throw it away now—God is about to reward us for it!

Psalms 30:5b... *weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.*

It may be dark as midnight in your life, but morning's coming—just hold on till it comes!