

Text: 2 Peter 1:6b
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Adding to Your Faith ^{part 5}

A Critical Reminder About Hupomené

1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 5 For this very reason, ***make every effort to add to your faith*** goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, ***perseverance***; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins. 10 Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (NIV)

1. Get It From _____

2. Get It From _____

3. Get It From _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you to apply the principles to your life situation.

1. What is it in your life that is calling for large amounts of *hupomené* these days?

Read Isaiah 40:28-31. Write out a prayer that specifically requests God's gift of endurance in the area(s) listed above.

2. List the names of others Christians that you know in similar career situations, or at least in the same phase of life, who likely face the same kind of trails and pressures that you do. Who among these will you ask to pray for you (and you for them) specifically for God's gift of perseverance and endurance?
3. Think through the lives of several Old Testament characters who have had to endure difficult trials. Which of these can serve as an encouraging example to you in the trials that you currently face? Why?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. How does a focus on our future "hope" as Christians help you to maintain perspective and "not lose heart"? How can you maintain that focus throughout this week?
5. Read James 1:2-3. The attitude we maintain through our trails definitely has a part in determining how well we "endure" them. It is easy to complain during a difficult time, and sad how quickly that complaining will ruin our attitude. What can you do to police your critical thoughts and comments so that you don't quickly plunge into a negative attitude during your next trial?
6. Read Hebrews 10:25. God obviously believes that this is best for us. Why do you think this is so important?

Write out a commitment in response to this verse that personalizes your promise to never bail out of your network of fellowship when times get tough.