

A Call to Spiritual Tenacity

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There is a dynamic call from heaven for all followers of Christ to develop spiritual tenacity!

God allows us to walk through difficult and challenging seasons, personally and corporately, in order to develop a tenacity of faith that is well-able to stand, and having done all to stand in the face of whatever comes our way.

Modern Christianity, in far too many WAYS, has been too weak, self-serving, wobbly, content with status-quo-mediocrity, powerless, and compromised. Therefore, we have not looked like what the Bible describes as followers of Christ or the Church—the Ekklesia—or have we, for the most part, been able to walk in the authenticity of our declared faith in authority and power of the Word and Spirit.

BUT GOD loves us enough to bring us face to face with our weaknesses and lack so that He might do a work in us that unlocks the fullness of the work He desires to do through us.

I Corinthians 15:58 TPT

So now, beloved ones, stand firm and secure. Live your lives with an unshakable confidence. We know that we prosper and excel in every season by serving the Lord, because we are assured that our union with the Lord makes our labor productive with fruit that endures. ¹

Read and meditate on the following devotional penned by Oswald Chambers. It is poignantly fitting for our day:

The Discipline Of Spiritual Tenacity
Author: Oswald Chambers
My Utmost for His Highest (Feb 22)

Tenacity is more than endurance, it is endurance combined with the absolute certainty that what we are looking for is going to

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transpire. Tenacity is more than hanging on, which may be but the weakness of being too afraid to fall off. Tenacity is the supreme effort of a man refusing to believe that his hero is going to be conquered. The greatest fear a man has is not that he will be damned, but that Jesus Christ will be worsted (defeated or overthrown), that the things He stood for – love and justice and forgiveness and kindness among men – will not win out in the end; the things He stands for look like will-o'-the-wisps. Then comes the call to spiritual tenacity, not to hang on and do nothing, but to work deliberately on the certainty that God is not going to be worsted (defeated, overthrown).

If our hopes are being disappointed just now, it means that they are being purified. There is nothing noble the human mind has ever hoped for or dreamed of that will not be fulfilled. One of the greatest strains in life is the strain of waiting for God.

“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience.”

Remain spiritually tenacious.²

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Never, ever give up!!

Philippians 3:13-14 TPT

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Being Tenacious Includes Endurance, but inherently contains hope and pursuit of something that is valuable, highly desired and hoped for.

² Chambers, Oswald, My Utmost for His Highest, Classic <https://utmost.org/classic/the-discipline-of-spiritual-tenacity-classic/>

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Read Hebrews 11, and meditate on the tenacity of spirit that was required for those who are listed among those commended as men and women of faith. Then, meditate and pray as Holy Spirit leads through the following statements:

- Tenacity grants us access to a finishing anointing - to finish well the journey Christ has set before us, leaving an inheritance to those who follow after us. (See Acts 20:24)
- Tenacity of spirit empowers us to endure opposition and all manner of evil, to not take up an offense against our opposers, but to keep our eyes on the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (See 2 Corinthians 6:3-4; Philippians 3:14)
- Tenacity of spirit protects us against the luring devices of deception that are set to capture us into the snare of the bewitching of the hour. (See Galatians 3:1-5)
- Tenacity of spirit enables us to stand and not be shaken . . . no matter what comes. (See Hebrews 12:27-28)
- Tenacity of spirit quickens with us a passion to pursue Christ in and through everything - in good times and in bad; in times of peace and in times of conflict; in times of abundance and in times of lack; in times of ease and in times of trouble. (See I Peter 3:10-12; Philippians 4:11-13)
- Developing a tenacious spirit requires living with a compelling focus on Christ and all He has set before us. (See Philippians 3:13-15)
- A tenacious spirit is required to press beyond the temptation and trials of the day, and is birthed in confident assurance of God's faithfulness and not in our own. (See I Corinthians 10:13)
- A tenacious spirit is required to not "submit again to the yoke of slavery" - of sin, status-quo-mediocrity, self-satisfaction, self-protection, self-indulgence, self-promotion, self-anything. We cannot and must not return to Egypt. (See Galatians 5:1)

- A tenacious spirit is required to live as victorious soldiers of Jesus, free from the distractions of the world. (See 2 Timothy 2:1-4)
- A tenacious spirit is required to endure persecution, misunderstandings, and evil treatment from others. (See 2 Timothy 2:8-10)
- A tenacious spirit is required to truly discover the overcoming, triumphant life - the life that is ours in and through Christ. (See 2 Timothy 2:11-13)

Lastly, repent and pray for the Lord to grant to and develop within you spiritual tenacity to live fully for Him.

- Repent of status-quo-mediocrity and self-protection (etc) that breeds complacency, satisfaction, lethargy, laziness. . . of spirit;
- Repent of a lack of true faith and renounce agreement, even inadvertently, with “que sera sera” (whatever will be will be) counterfeit faith;
- Repent of religious mindsets that are rooted in being accepted by man, living a “safe life”, and anything other than the delight and pleasure of the Lord;
- Break off timidity, the fear of man, fear of suffering, fear of being different, fear of being viewed as too _____ (zealous, serious, etc)....
- Ask for and receive a fresh baptism of Holy Spirit and an impartation of Holy Spirit boldness, courage, and tenacity!