



Part 6: "Stick-to-itiveness!"

Text: 2 Peter 1:3-8; Selected Scriptures

2 Peter 1:5,6 (NIV)

*"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith . . . **perseverance.**"*

[1] There Are 3 Major Reasons Why We Quit!

- Quitting is often tied to \_\_\_\_\_!

1 Peter 4:12-17 (Message)

*"Friends, when life gets really difficult, don't (be surprise or) jump to the conclusion that God isn't on the job. [13] Instead, be glad that you are in the very thick of what Christ experienced. This is a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner. [14] If you're abused because of Christ, count yourself fortunate. It's the Spirit of God and his glory in you that brought you to the notice of others. [15] If they're on you because you broke the law or disturbed the peace, that's a different matter. [16] But if it's because you're a Christian, don't give it a second thought. Be proud of the distinguished status reflected in that name!"*

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Galatians 6:9 (Message)

*"So let's not allow ourselves to get **fatigued** doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit."*

- Quitting is often the result of excess \_\_\_\_\_!

Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)

*“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 hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us.”*

Psalm 32:3-4 (Message)

*“When I kept it all inside (my sin), my bones turned to powder, my words became daylong groans. [4] The pressure never let up; **all the juices of my life dried up.**”*

[2] There Are 3 Major Practices For Persevering!

- We need to assess the \_\_\_\_\_ of our commitments!

1 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)

*“For physical training is of **some value**, but godliness **has value** for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”*

Write out 5 values that are really significant in both your earthly and eternal life --

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

- We need to accept the \_\_\_\_\_ to perseverance!

James 1:2-4 (NIV)

*“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, [3] because you know that the testing of your faith **develops perseverance**. [4] **Perseverance** must **finish its work** so that you may be **mature** and **complete**, not lacking anything.”*

- We need to appreciate the power of \_\_\_\_\_!