

Character #3 – Endurance, cont.

1. Each of us was created with the capacity for character growth; we can become more and more like Jesus Christ in character every day of our lives. **2 Peter 1:4.**
2. What we are in character when we get to heaven is what we will be for all eternity.
3. To think that God will fix our character weaknesses when we get to heaven is to strip life of its purpose.
4. To think that God will fix our character weaknesses when we get to heaven is to reward the lazy, unfaithful, worldly, selfish Christians, and to penalize the diligent, faithful, sacrificing Christians. **2 Peter 1:5-11.**
5. Character is the inward motivation to do what is right in every situation. **Hebrews 6:18.**
6. Endurance is a foundational character trait; if we are low on endurance many other character traits won't be developed in us. **James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-4.**
7. Endurance is the key character trait to finishing life well as a child of God. **Hebrews 12:1-3.**
8. Endurance is a character trait that God especially likes. **Hebrews 10:36-39.**
9. God blesses those who run the race with endurance. **James 5:11.**
10. Those who develop the character trait of endurance will have a great time at the Judgment Seat of Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Timothy 4:6-8.**
11. A major discipline to growing stronger and tougher in running with endurance is to always rejoice in trials. **Romans 5:3; James 1:2-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:16; 1 Peter 1:6; Philippians 2:14.**
12. Another key to developing the heart of a _____ is to _____ on _____ every day. **2 Corinthians 4:16-18, 5:7-9; Hebrews 11:16, 12:1-3.**
13. A very important discipline so as not to grow _____ is to _____ all known _____ to God every day. **1 John 1:9; Hebrews 12:1-3; Psalm 51:3-4, 51:8-10, 32:3-5; Job 17:9.**

14. _____, the _____ is the breakfast of champions. **Psalm 119:43, 74, 81, 114, 147; Isaiah 40:29-31.**
15. Nobody can run the race with endurance without _____
 _____. _____ people will _____ for _____
 _____ every day. **Philippians 4:13; Ephesians 3:16; Colossians 1:11.**
16. We need _____ to _____ our life so that we are
 doing the _____ that are God's _____ for our life.
17. God gives us _____ to do His _____.
Hebrews 12:1-3; 2 Timothy 2:4; Matthew 6:33; James 1:5; Psalm 25:12, 32:8, 143:10.
18. _____ clear _____ and _____ them
 often is a great way to stay _____. **Isaiah 32:8.**
19. Lack of _____ is a major cause of _____, lack of
 _____ and low _____.
20. _____, _____ the _____ and the
 things in it, is a major cause for failing to endure.
Philemon 1:24; 2 Timothy 4:10; 1 John 2:15.
21. Running the race with endurance is much _____ when running
 with _____ instead of by _____.
Hebrews 10:23-25; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.