

The Persistence of those who are led by the Holy Spirit

Those who are led by the spirit:

I. Persistent in the Work of the Gospel.

Reference verses: 16-18

- 16 It happened that ***as we were going to the place of prayer***, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling.
- 17 Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, “These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation.”
- 18 ***She continued doing this for many days.***

II. Persistent in their Perseverance in the face of Adversity and Persecution.

They accomplished this perseverance by being persistent in their prayers and praise!

Note: (I will reference verses 22-26, but will only read verse 25 and maybe verse 26)

James 1:2-3

Consider it **all joy**, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

Note* I may or may not use the next two verses, if so I will quote them from my notes and they do not have to be on the screen. However, I will use 1 Peter :12-13 for sure.

Romans 15:13 ~ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 12:12 - Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

1 Peter 4:12-13

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

14 If you are reviled or the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

Question: Why should we be so persistent with our prayers and praise in times of adversity, trials, and persecution?

Answer: **Matthew 10:16-20**

16 “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves.

17 “But beware of men, for they will hand you over to the courts and scourge you in their synagogues;

18 and **you will even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.**

19 “But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say.

20 “For it is not you who speak, ***but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.***

III. Persistent in their Proclamation

Acts 16 :31 They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

Acts 4:12

12 “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

Paul goes on in his writings to flesh out the Gospel message that they were preaching in more detail:

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

- 3** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- 4** and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

IV. Persistent in their Protection of the Flock.

Reference verses: 16:35-40

Note* I may or may not reference **Acts 20:28-32**

- 28** “Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.
- 29** “I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;
- 30** and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.
- 31** “Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.
- 32** “And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

V. Persistent in their Encouragement of the Flock.

Acts 16:40 –

- 40** They went out of the prison and entered the house of Lydia, and when they saw the **brethren, they encouraged them and departed.**

Hebrews 10:24-25

- 23** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;
- 24** and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,
- 25** not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Invitation

Benediction