

SCATTERED SERVANTS







UNLEASHING THE CHURCH TO BRING LIFE TO THE CITY

The dream of God over your life is not that you become a believer and help out at the local church. The dream of God over your life is that you come alive in his presence and bring life to every environment, spilling contagious hope into hurting humanity.

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MESSAGE 7: Stubborn Perseverance

"HOW YA DOING?"



Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ... Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised those that love him. ... Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience (endurance) in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally (ultimately) brought about (Job's blessings). SCA

James 1:2-4, 12; 5:10-11 NIV

"DON'T GIVE UP!"



I tell you – because of your shameless persistence (audacity), Even though it's the middle of the night, your friend will get up out of bed and give you all that you need. So it is with your prayers. Ask and you'll receive. Seek and you'll discover. Knock on heaven's door, and it will one day open for you. Every persistent person will receive what he asks for. Every persistent seeker will discover what he needs. And everyone who knocks persistently will one day find an open door. Luke 11:8-10 TPT

STUBBORN PERSEVERANCE



STUBBORN PERSEVERANCE SCRIPTURES

- Rejoice in hope, be patient in trouble, persevere in prayer, ...
 Paul's Letter to the Romans (12:12)
- Our light affliction (trouble), which lasts for but a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, ... Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians (4:17)
- Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a (wonderful) harvest if we do not give up, ... Paul's Letter to the Galatians (6:9)
- But as for you, ..., do not grow weary in doing good.
 Paul's 2nd Letter to the Thessalonians (3:13)



... we boast about your perseverance and (unwavering) faith in all the persecutions and trials (hardships) you are enduring. Paul's 1st Letter to the Thessalonians (1:4b)

... make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance (endurance or steadfastness); ... Peter's 2nd Letter (1:5-7)

I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. ...
 You have persevered and have endured (suffered) hardships for my name and have not grown weary (become discouraged).
 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently,
 John's Book of Revelation (2:2a,3, 10a)

"DON'T GIVE UP!"



God's kingdom culture is full of dreamers.

It is far more important to send out these dreamers into our cities than to recruit them to serve ministries that only support church structures. When our dreams center upon the church we are confining the dreamers in the church. Instead, we need to catalyze dreamers that release their dreams all over our cities into every area of life. God is about summoning all these dreamers and visionaries to be set free from the patterns of this world to create a new pattern for this world that is creative, redemptive, generous and expansive. In order to cultivate courageous dreams that awaken our cities we need to challenge these dreamers to lay aside every hindrance. And with stubborn perseverance pursue the good works that God has prepared for us to do that lie beyond the doors of our churches. Alan Scott: Scattered Servants (2018)

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything (unnecessary weight) that hinders (slows us down) and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer (Author) and perfector of faith. For the joy (goal) set before him he endured the cross, scorning (disregarding) its shame (humiliation), and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider (meditate on) him (Jesus) who endured such opposition (bitter hostility) from sinners (in comparison with your trials), so that you will not grow weary and lose heart (give up). Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV