

“How Do I Know If I Can Stand The Test?” James 1:12

We are commanded to persevere but there are certain attitudes or moods that hinder our persistence and become antagonistic toward our endurance, such as boredom, discouragement, loneliness, self-pity, frustration, bitterness and jealousy. To avoid emotional revolt and to persevere under trials and receive the glorious ‘Crown of Life’, we must have the faith necessary to trust that God’s promises are valid but first of all, we must determine what our faith response actually is. All the sincere believing in the world secures nothing for us from God. Faith is not something we do; faith is a conduit by which we appropriate what God has done for us. With God’s cup in our souls, we reap what He has sown for us in eternity past and by the way, (humanly speaking); God is anxiously tapping His foot waiting to provide these grace gifts for us in *Isaiah 30:18*. We may be physically exhausted and completely defeated as far as the odds against us are concerned or we may be deprived of our God-given liberty by a dictatorial government but no one can stop us from THINKING the thoughts which eventually will overcome the pressures of our situation! When God can pour His blessings on us at this level, we’ve reached the point of glorifying Him to the maximum and that’s exactly why we were created and why we’re still here after salvation!