

Improving Spiritual Endurance

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“¹... To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ²Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore, among God’s churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.”
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4 (NIV)

Keep On Keeping On:

1. Continue **ASSEMBLING** together!

“... To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” 2 Thessalonians 1:1 (NIV)

“For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them.” Matthew 18:20 (NIV)

“²⁴And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25 (NKJV)

2. Continue **GROWING** your faith!

“... your faith is growing more and more ... ” 2 Thessalonians 1:3 (NIV)

“⁶And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow Him. ⁷Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6-7 (NLT)

3. Continue **LAVISHING** your love!

“... the love all of you have for one another is increasing.” 2 Thessalonians 1:3 (NIV)

“⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”
1 John 4:7-8 (NIV)

4. Continue **PERSEVERING** through trials!

“Therefore, among God’s churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.” 2 Thessalonians 1:4 (NIV)

“²Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. ³For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.” James 1:2-3 (NLT)

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us ... ” Hebrews 12:1 (ESV)

“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.” Galatians 6:9 (NLT)