

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith (2 Pet 1:5)

## PERSEVERANCE Believes in Principles

INTEGRITY: the state of being whole and undivided

<sup>7</sup>So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. <sup>8</sup> And he took for himself a potsherd with which to scrape himself while he sat in the midst of the ashes. <sup>9</sup>Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!" (Job 2:7-9)

This is the end of the matter; all has been heard: fear God, and keep His commandments; for this is the whole of man. (Eccl 12:13)

## PERSEVERANCE is Unafraid of Loss of Luxury

LUXURY: the state of great comfort and extravagant living

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,<sup>25</sup> choosing rather to **suffer affliction** with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, <sup>26</sup> esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. <sup>27</sup> By faith **he forsook Egypt**, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. (Heb 11:24–27)

<sup>8</sup> Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches— Feed me with the food that is needful for me; 9 Lest 1 be full and deny You, And say, "Who is the LORD?" Or lest 1 be poor and steal, and profane the name of my God. (Prov 30:8-9)

## Prizes Consistency



A single act of greatness is nothing when compared to a mundane life of service

<sup>17</sup> So she [Ruth] gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. <sup>18</sup> Then she took it up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. So she brought out and gave to her what she had kept back after she had been satisfied. (Ruth 2:17-18)

Or what about the consistency of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

