

**Hebrews 12:7a, Endurance**

In verse 1, the believer is commanded to “advance on the run with endurance.”

**Hebrews 12:1** - For this reason, since we also keep having such a great battalion of witnesses motivating us, having stripped for action every impediment and the sin which so easily ensnares us, let us advance on the run with **[hupomone]** endurance in the conflict marked out for us.

This advance is communicated as an imperative of entreaty and is accomplished through the use of the faith-rest drill and utilization of doctrine resident in the soul. This is encouragement to make a positive advance in God's plan using the faith-rest heroes of Hebrews 11 as role models.

But we can study biblical role models until we are blue in the face and unless we accept the reality that it was loyalty to resident doctrine which enabled them to endure under pressure, then we are going to take the penalty clauses of divine policy very lightly. In such cases it takes the varying degrees of divine discipline to motivate a believer to produce the consistent positive volition needed for the advance.

Whereas those positive to doctrine cannot endure the pressures of the Angelic Conflict without reliance upon doctrine, neither can the reversionist. Thus, divine discipline is designed to be more than the reversionist can bear. It is through the attendant pain and suffering that he is motivated to alter his behavior.

Do not confuse point 8's message with the promise found in:

**1 Corinthians 10:13** - Testing **[suffering]** for blessing has not caught up with you except the human kind; moreover, God is faithful, who will not permit you to be tested beyond your capabilities, but with the testing He will also provide a way out **[the 9 problem-solving devices functional in the divine power system]** so that you can endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13 is a promise to believers who are assured that with the enabling power of the Holy Spirit and application of the problem-solving devices, there is nothing the Devil's world has to offer that they cannot endure.

The context of Hebrews 12:9 is that of the reversionist who is out of fellowship and has no enabling power. He therefore has no promise to claim!

So, how can the reversionist comply with this mandate? First, confession alone to God alone. Second, resumption of Bible study in order to restore his inventory of problem-solving devices.

The pain and suffering are designed to create a mental attitude of genuine humility which is willing to submit to a recovery process. Without genuine humility, a willingness to recover, and positive volition to the message of a pastor there can be no fulfillment of this mandate.

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The better approach would be the concept of:

**1 Corinthians 10:13** - If you are filled with the Holy Spirit then you will become aware through spiritual growth of the specter of divine discipline for any submission to temptation.

With this awareness, whenever the world offers situations which stimulate the sinful nature to tempt you, then, with the problem-solving devices, you will be able to endure it. In such a case, the spirit-filled believer is able to remember under pressure the principles of divine discipline and not take it lightly.

This is not the situation in Hebrews 12. These believers are in reversionism and do take the principle of divine discipline lightly. The tendential present of *hupomeno* means that “*endurance*” is the intended purpose of this command but the action is not actually occurring at the moment. The only way this can become a reality is the volitional decision to respond to divine discipline and enter into reversion recovery.

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