

Standing Strong

In a fallen World

2 Timothy 4:9-22

“Character that Endures”

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Outline

I. Content in Life



" From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶ in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; ²⁷ in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness — ²⁸ besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. "

-2 Corinthians 11:24-28(NKJV)



“But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; ¹⁴ and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.”

-Philippians 1:12-14 (NKJV)



"I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

-Philippians 4:12-13 (NKJV)





Mamertine Prison, Rome



“Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.”

-1 Timothy 6:6-9 (NKJV)



“Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”

-Luke 12:15 (NKJV)



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I. Content in Life

II. Confident in the Lord



" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.' "

-Daniel 3:16-18 (NKJV)



*"Blessed is the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
² But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
³ He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper."*

-Psalm 1:1-3 (NKJV)



“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

-Matthew 26:41 (NKJV)



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- I. Content in Life
- II. Confident in the Lord
- III. Consistent in Love



“As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison.”

- Acts 8:3 (NKJV)



“Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, ² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. ³ Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

-Philippians 2:1-3 (NKJV)



"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things..."

-1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NKJV)



Application

1. Be Consistent in Belief and Practice



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2. Be Confident in Lord and His Word

