

“IT’S A LONG HAUL”

2 TIMOTHY 3:10-13

(Part 2)

We often default to the softer selection as we bow to comfort and convenience. It’s a mindset we can allow to subtly if not blatantly permeate our Christian life and hinder our spiritual disciplines.

A LIFE OF CHALLENGE

① C _____.

② C _____.

③ C _____.

④ C _____.

⑤ C _____.

The Christian life is not a short sprint but a long-distance marathon.

makro (_____ on) + *thumia* (_____) → Patience

hupo (_____) + *meno* (to _____) → Endurance

⑥ C _____.

It’s been poured into our hearts by God (Rom. 5:5).

It’s so desperately needed today – as always – in a world that first lives for self and first looks out for self.

_____ is an incredibly melting action which changes hearts, reverses direction, and instills hope.

⑦ C _____.

Suffering for righteousness’ sake is the _____ of God. As you do, remember (1 Peter 4:13a,15-16):

1. There is room for real _____ in suffering.
2. There can be no room for _____ in suffering.
3. Righteous suffering doesn’t _____ to your sinful actions.
4. Righteous suffering does _____ to His glory.

CONCLUSION

This is what Paul says he personally experienced during his earthly life in various cities as he followed the footsteps of Jesus. He closes with three additional thoughts for finishing what God has started.

3:11 – Though God might deliver us from physical harm (Romans 15:31), He will always deliver us to spiritual _____ (Colossians 1:13).

3:12 – The more we live like Christ, the more likely we will increase the _____ that comes our way.

3:13 – It’s only going to get worse. Yet as evil grows darker, the _____ has the opportunity to shine its brightest.