



## The Importance of Discipling in Perseverance

Dear Friends, the Lord continues to provide GFL with some exciting new ministry opportunities. GFL's discipleship ministry is growing in San Diego. I recently met a neighbor while taking my morning prayer walk. I told him I was a pastor and that I disciple several men each week. He wanted to meet for discipleship. As I got to know him, I found out he used to attend a seeker-friendly church, and he assumed he was a Christian. I met with him several times and shared the gospel with him. He attended our biweekly Bible study and wept after hearing the clear message of Christ. He purchased a Bible, and surprised us by meeting us at church. He continues to meet privately for discipleship and appears to have become a true believer. **I am so grateful for these opportunities to help Christian men reach spiritual maturity by *teaching them to obey all that Christ has commanded*. GFL has been asked by a home school group to create Christian Worldview curriculum for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. The crucial relevance of Christian Worldview training at this time in our nation cannot be overstated. The 26 lesson course includes a teacher's guide, illustrations, discussion points and homework.**

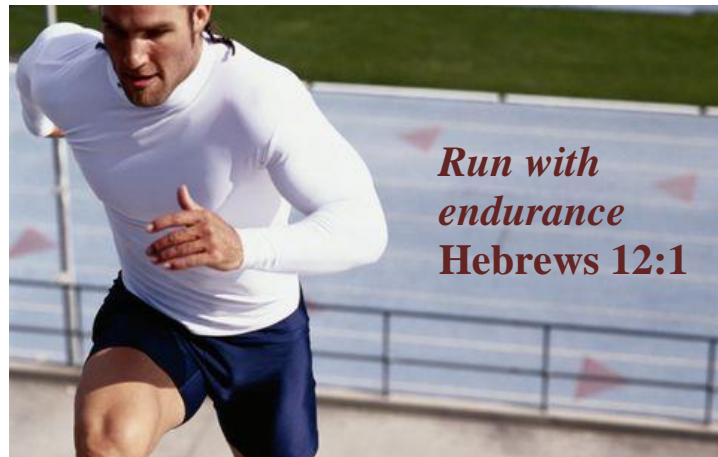


**Training our disciples in perseverance is an essential aspect of “teaching them to obey all that Christ has commanded” (Mt 28:19-20).** Perseverance is a vital dimension of Christian character: “Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge, and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, **perseverance**, and in *your* perseverance, godliness”(2 Pet 1:5-6). Perseverance enables the believer to **finish well**: “For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised” (Heb 10:36).

The command to endure and persevere presupposes that **our progress to glory will be opposed by the world, the flesh, and the devil**. Paul, in discipling the Thessalonian believers, prepared them for inevitable affliction: “We sent Timothy, our brother and God’s fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you as to your faith, so that no one would be **disturbed by these afflictions**; for you yourselves know that we have been **destined for this**” (1 Thess 3:2-3).

**As a faithful discipler, Paul set an example of perseverance for Timothy**, charging him to imitate his example (1 Tim 6:11; 2 Tim 3:10). God's grace includes the ability to **persevere**, for all true believers have the confidence that they will persevere to the end because our Lord perseveres in keeping them (Phil 1:6).

**The last 9 books of the New Testament** contain the largest number of warnings about apostasy, as well as the majority of the exhortations to **persevere**. We must not neglect this crucial doctrine, but continue to exhort our disciples to excel in **earnestness, patience, and steadfastness**. For the testing of the genuineness of our faith is *par for the course*, it is the 'normal Christian life' (1 Pet 1:6-9).



*Run with  
endurance  
Hebrews 12:1*

If you'd like Jay to present a seminar on Evangelism, Discipleship, or Christian Worldview at your church or school, please contact him at [jaywegter@gmail.com](mailto:jaywegter@gmail.com)

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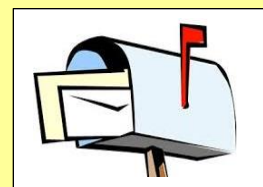
- Please pray that our men's discipleship study would see effective evangelistic outreach.
- Please pray for the men that Jay is discipling, that they would grow spiritually, and reach a level of maturity in which they would be able to disciple others.
- Please pray that Jay's writing of Worldview curriculum would powerfully equip students.

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*Jay, Michele and the GFL Team*