

ENDURING

HARDNESS

Hardness = Enduring Affliction

Christ Showed “Hardness”

Luke 9:51

And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

Christ's "Hardness" Prophesied

Isaiah 50:5-8

5 The Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back.

6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

7 For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

8 He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me.

Christ Spoke Of “Hardness” Being Required

John 15:17-27

17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

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John 15:17-24

21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin.

23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also.

24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

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John 15:17-24

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Paul Encouraged Timothy About “Hardness”

2 Timothy 3:10-14

10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

I. Endure Hardness In The Gospel

2 Timothy 1:8

Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

A. Must have the proper mindset

2 Timothy 1:6-7

B. Must stand with others

C. In the power of God

II. Endure Hardness As A Soldier

2 Timothy 2:3

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

A. Characteristic of a “good” soldier

Competent, able, as one ought to be

B. Two conditions

1. Be strong (2:1, 2:4)

Galatians 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

2. By His grace (2:1)

III. Endure Hardness Unto Bonds

2 Timothy 2:9

Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

A. An inner peace experienced

B. An ultimate goal seen

2 Timothy 2:10-13

IV. Endure Hardness As An Evangelist

2 Timothy 4:5

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

A. Watch

B. Work

C. Witness

Make full proof of your ministry

V. Another Key To Having “Hardness”

James 5:13

**Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry?
let him sing psalms.**

**Are We Who We
Need to Be?**