I. Introduction
A. Matt. 24:13—Lawlessness shall abound—we must endure to be saved
B. Mark 13:13—In the midst of betrayal—we must hold out—endure
C. Rom. 5:1–5—Perseverance produces proven character, love is a matter of character
D. Col. 1:9–11—When we are filled with the knowledge of God’s will, it will affect the way we live. We must be strengthened unto patience and endurance which will bring joyfulness.
E. Heb. 6:11–12—We need faith and endurance to claim God’s promises
F. Heb. 10:35–36—We must claim the promise, then hold out—endure—until it comes
G. Heb. 12:1—Run the race with endurance (Ecc. 9:11)
H. James 1:2–4—If we hold out—endure—it will shape every area of our character
I. 2 Cor. 12:12—The first evidence of an apostolic ministry is endurance
J. 2 Tim. 4:9—Under pressure even some of the faithful lack endurance
K. Matt. 13:19–23—We must go through two kinds of tests to achieve endurance:
   1. When it’s hard—persecution
   2. When it’s easy—riches (prosperity)

II. Steps To Achieving Endurance
A. Make a firm unreserved commitment to Jesus
   1. Acts 11:23—Make your mind up that you will stick to the Lord regardless of all
   2. Acts 14:22—There is no way into the Kingdom of God, except by tribulation
B. The essence of enduring is seeing Him who is invisible (Heb. 11:27)
   1. 2 Cor. 3:17–18—You see the invisible in the mirror of God’s Word
   2. 2 Cor. 4:17–18—You need to keep your feet on the ground, but your eyes must be set on that which is beyond time.
C. Don’t give up!
   1. Ps. 37:23–24—When you fall, remember the Lord will pick you up
   2. Luke 22:31–32—Jesus prayed for Peter that his faith would not fail
D. Remember the prize giving
   2 Tim. 4:7–8—Faith is a fight—you can’t escape the fight and keep your faith. You must finish the course

The Lord’s emphasis is on faithfulness

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