

# LIVING IN THE **BIBLE BLESSINGS FOR THE BELIEVER** blessing OF THE LORD

NUMBER 7: THE BLESSING OF  
**Perseverance**

2 Thessalonians 3:5

May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

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1 Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.

2 And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith.

3 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

4 We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command.

5 May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

## a REDIRECTED HEART

“May the Lord direct your hearts...”

- ✓ **AWAY** from **DISTRACTIONS** and **DIVERSIONS**
- ✓ **AWAY** from **DISCOURAGEMENT** and **DESPAIR**

## a REMINDED HEART

“May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love...”

- ✓ **REMINDED** of and **REVISITING** God's **LOVE**
  - ▶ EP.2:4-5 – “Because of his great love for us, God...made us alive with Christ...”
- ✓ **RECOGNIZING** and **RECEIVING** God's **LOVE**
  - ▶ RO.5:5 – “God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit...”
- ✓ **RESPONDING** to and **RETURNING** God's **LOVE**
  - ▶ 1JN.4:19 – “We love because he first loved us.”
- ✓ **REFLECTING** and **RELEASING** God's **LOVE**
  - ▶ 1JN.4:11 – “Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”
- ✓ **REJOICING REGULARLY** in God's **LOVE**
  - ▶ PS.31:7 – “I will be glad and rejoice in your love...”

## a RESOLVED HEART

“May the Lord direct your hearts into...Christ's perseverance.”

- ✓ **EMBRACING DUTY** and **DEVOTION**
  - ▶ **EXAMPLE** – GA.1:4 – GA.2:20 – EP.5:2 – EP.5:25 – 1TI.2:6 – TI.2:14 – “Christ...gave himself...”
  - ▶ **EXHORTATION** – 1CO.15:58 – “Always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord...”
- ✓ **ENDURING DIFFICULTY**
  - ▶ **EXAMPLE** – HE.12:2-3 – “Jesus...endured the cross...endured such opposition...”
  - ▶ **EXHORTATION** – 2TI.2:3 – “Endure hardship...like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.”
- ✓ **EXPECTING DIVINE DELIVERANCE**
  - ▶ **EXAMPLE** – HE.12:2 – “Jesus...for the joy set before him endured the cross...”
  - ▶ **EXHORTATION** – HE.10:35 – “Do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.”