



FUEL YOUR TENACITY

“Tenacity is the capacity to keep going when the circumstances in my life cause me to feel like quitting.”

Tenacity is an Endangered Life Quality in Our Culture

Few people today seem to have the staying power of “stick-to-it-ness”.

“Consider the postage stamp. It’s usefulness consists in sticking to one thing until it gets there.”

Quitting is Easy. We live in a “quick fix” culture: not taking responsibility, not paying the price, not forcing discipline, not waiting. Part of growth maturity and success is persistence or tenacity.

Quitting is Costly. We live with the outcome and consequences for a long time.

“Today’s mighty oak tree is just yesterday’s nut that held its ground.”

Tenacity is a Valued Life Quality in Scripture

“So don’t get tired of doing what is good. Don’t get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time.” Galatians 6:9

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us.”

Hebrews 12:1

Tenacity is a Greater Life Quality Than Talent

The greatest reward does not go to those who are simply talented, but to those who couple their talent with tenacity.

We need strength, discipline and continuance, yet we often faint, fail and fatigue. How can we F-U-E-L tenacity in our lives?

Focus on the outcome, not the obstacles

Perception is the most important factor in persistence.

“What I believe about life determines how I perceive life, which determines what I receive from life.”

“We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish. He was willing to die a shameful death on the cross because of the joy he knew would be his afterward.”

Hebrews 12:2

Unhitch your load of limitations

“The will to persevere is often the difference between failure and success.” —David Sarnoff

Exercise persistence in the face of resistance

“Never give in! Never give in! Never, never, never. Never—in anything great or small, large or petty—never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense.” —Winston Churchill

“Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance.” —Samuel Jackson

Let God strengthen your stamina

“Have you never heard or understood? Don’t you know that the LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth? He never grows faint or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. He gives power to those who are tired and worn out; he offers strength to the weak. Even youths will become exhausted, and young men will give up. But those who wait on the LORD will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:28-31

“But we are not quitters who lose out. Oh, no! We’ll stay with it and survive, trusting all the way.”

Hebrews 10:39