





Pioneer Food Service manager-owner Barney Hall, checks the food supply to be sure there is enough.









The “Grace Gift” of Tenacity

“Do not walk away from the assignment God has given you.”

Colossians 4:17

- Never give up on a God-given assignment until He releases you from the responsibility.
- Don't fall apart with the first round of disappointments or problems, when your co-workers are grouchy, or the boss expects too much.
- Don't quit when the pressure is on, when others are encouraging you to jump ship change jobs, or when "other opportunities" seem so inviting. Don't give up!

Why not quit?

Because in these assignments, it is the Lord Christ whom you are serving, not people! As love and faith go together, so does service and perseverance!

“Never, never, never, never
give up!”

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The Need for Tenacity

- Audacious tenacity – God inspired and empowered tenacity - spiritual tenacity, if you will - is needed in the home, with others in need, in the local congregation, and on the job at the school you serve.

- “Progress is only being made when things are running smoothly.”
- “The grass is greener on the other side.”
- “Bigger is better.”
- “Suffering and hardship can’t be of God.”
- “This problem can’t be solved.”
- “Success is gaining everyone’s approval.”
- “Failure is final.”
- “I am nobody.”
- “Good and godly people do not differ or make mistakes.”

The Pain of Tenacity

The tendency, I believe, is to “move on” when pressure builds, we do not get our way, or recognition we receive isn’t what we desire.

In these “painful” experiences,
we must convictionally believe
that we remain where God has
placed us until He releases us,
because we serve Him in these
painful times, not the people who
sometimes inflict the pain.

The Gift of Tenacity

- This gift of “sticktoitiveness” – endurance or perseverance – is not so much a gift we give to other people. By no means.
- The gift of tenacity is a grace gift from God to us . . .for the spiritual growth, Christian maturity and personal development we experience in the midst of “staying with it” until God releases us!

“ . . . if we are not content with what we have, we will never be content with what we want!”

God enables us to “stay the course” until He releases us . . . !

And who benefits the most?

Only God knows. But, for sure, we who “endure” by God’s grace are blessed.

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