

I. First, we can have confidence that despite failure, God's grace always provides for recovery. 6:9

II. God's justice does not forget, neglect or overlook that which we have done in the power of the Spirit. 6:10

III. The believer is to persevere in light of our future expectation to continue in faith and patience to realize a full inheritance. Heb 6:11-12

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μιμητής *mimētēs*; to mimic, to imitate,

1 Co 4:16 Therefore I exhort you, be **imitators** of me.

1 Co 11:1 Be **imitators** of me, just as I also am of Christ.

Eph 5:1 Therefore be **imitators** of God, as beloved children;

1 Th 1:6 You also became **imitators** of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

1 Th 2:14 For you, brethren, became **imitators** of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they *did* from the Jews,

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μακροθυμία *makrothumía*;

“to be longsuffering. Forbearance, long-suffering, self-restraint before proceeding to action.”

James 5:17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

What made them different?

1. Faith. They had the will, the gumption, the guts to believe God and take up the challenge to walk by faith and not by sight.

2 Cor 5 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2. Since they had a biblical view of reality, their norms and standards, their plans and procedures, their core values were turned upside down by the Word of God. They were willing to totally submitted to the plan of God and become servants of God, servants of Christ.

**Deuteronomy 6:13 “You shall fear the LORD
your God and serve [*abad*] Him, and shall take
oaths in His name.”**

**Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore,
brethren, by the mercies of God, that you
present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable
service [λατρεία, *latreía*]* .**

Matthew 20:28 “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served [διακονέω, *diakonéō*], but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

**Matthew 23:11 “But he who is greatest
among you shall be your servant
[διάκονος, *diákonos*].”**

Luke 16:13 “No servant [οἰκέτης, *oikētēs*] can serve [δουλεύω, *douleúō*] two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

Acts 20:18 And when they had come to him, he said to them: “You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you,

Acts 20:19 “serving [δουλεύω, *douleúō*] the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews;

Acts 20:20 “how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,

Acts 20:21 “testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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ὑπηρέτης *hupēretēs*; under rower. A subordinate, servant, attendant, or assistant in general. The subordinate official who waits to accomplish the commands of his superior.





3. Passion for the giving of the gospel, a desire to give the gospel to anyone, anytime, anywhere.

2 Corinthians 5:19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

1 Corinthians 9:22 to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some.

2 Timothy 2:9 for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, *even* to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained.

4. Totally submissive to the will of God. Self-interest and personal desire was totally subsumed under the plan of God.

Acts 20:24 “But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”

5. Knowing doctrine was the means to know Christ and serve Him.

Philippians 3:8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

Philippians 3:9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

Philippians 3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Philippians 3:11 since I will attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Hebrews 6:12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience **inherit** the promises.

κληρονομέω *klēronoméō*;

Articular, used as a relative clause

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“those who are inheriting the promises”

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- a. The verb κληρονομέω *klēronoméō*;
Used 18× in the New Testament; 4× in Hebrews
(1:4, Christ inherited...; 1:14 those who will
inherit salvation; 6:12; 12:17 Esau's desire to
inherit the blessing)
- b. The noun for inheritance or property
κληρονομία *klēronomía*; used 14× in the New
Testament; 2× in Hebrews (9:15 the promise of
the eternal inheritance; Heb 11:8, Abraham, ref
to the land he would receive as an inheritance)

c. The noun indicating the designated recipient, κληρονόμος *klēronómos*; used 15x in the New Testament; Three times in Hebrews (1:2 Christ; 6:17 the heirs of the promise; Heb 11:7 Noah, an heir of righteousness)

2. Inherit has the core semantic meaning of possession, property, ownership.

Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

**Hebrews 1:2 has in these last days
spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has
appointed heir of all things, through
whom also He made the worlds;**

3. Inheritance in relationship to Abraham can be related to the land promise or the seed promise, but it is always related to the idea of the divine promise.

Galatians 3:18 For if the inheritance *is* of the law, *it is* no longer of promise; but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

Romans 4:13 For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Romans 4:14 For if those who are of the law *are* heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect,

4. Inheritance is related to rewards for what is earned for service, whereas salvation is a free gift.

Colossians 3:24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.