

# Colossians 1:21-23

## “Perseverance OR Passivity???” Part 2

### Introduction

*Hebrews 3:12-14 & Colossians 1:21-23 -*

*Philippians 1:6 -*

*Philippians 2:12-13 -*

### I. How to Persevere and Win Your Race

1. \_\_\_\_\_ on Eternity.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ God.

*Mark 4:35-41 -*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Worthless Worldly Wisdom.

*John 14:6 - “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”*

*Proverbs 14:12 - “There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”*

*John 8:42-47 -*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ the Scriptures.

*Luke 1:4 - “...so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.”*

*2 Peter 1:3 - “...seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.”*

*Psalms 119:89, 92-93, 105, 107 -*

5. \_\_\_\_\_ on Christ.

*John 6:35 - “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.”*

*John 15:5 - “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”*

a) We should feast on Christ as we \_\_\_\_\_.

b) We should feast on Christ as we read & \_\_\_\_\_ the Scriptures.

c) We should feast on Christ as we \_\_\_\_\_, pray, worship & study with other believers.

*Hebrews 10:24-25 -*

d) We should feast on Christ as we \_\_\_\_\_ as His ambassador.

*Matthew 28:19-20 -*

*Matthew 11:28-30 -*

*2 Corinthians 11:3 - “But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.”*

*John 15:11 - “These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.”*

6. \_\_\_\_\_ an Example to Follow.

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

**1 Timothy 4:12** - "Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe."

**Titus 2:3-5** -

**Proverbs 15:5** -

**Proverbs 23:22-25** -

**Proverbs 30:17** -

**Proverbs 16:31** -

7. \_\_\_\_\_ for the Gospel.

**Colossians 2:8** -

**Jude 3-4** -

**Ephesians 6:10-12** -

**Romans 1:16** -

8. \_\_\_\_\_ Love.

**Galatians 5:22a** - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love..."

**John 13:35** - "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**1 Corinthians 16:13-14** - "Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."

Note: Love is a CHOICE to serve someone and to seek & desire their \_\_\_\_\_ at your expense.

**John 15:13** - "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

**Philippians 1:9** - "And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment..."

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7** -

**1 John 3:14** - "We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death."

9. \_\_\_\_\_ Your Race.

**Philippians 3:13b-14** -

**Colossians 4:5** - "Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity."

Jesus says in **Matthew 24:13-14** - "Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved."

### Discussion Questions...

1. What does it mean to "feast on Christ"? How can we practically do that daily? Are you doing that?
2. Do you have a living godly example in your life to follow, observe and ask questions of? If so, who is it? If not, are you willing to seek someone out and ask God to provide you with that example?
3. What must we, as believers, never fight over? What must we, as believers, always fight for?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Why did God choose to describe love rather than define love? What does that teach us about how we are to love one another? How have we been tempted to think wrongly about love?
5. Why is every job/role that a Christian has important, special and valuable to the Kingdom of God?