

**Persevere as a Father**  
**Growing a Godly Family – Part 1**  
Life Church St. Louis – June 18, 2017  
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

*Ephesians 3:14-16 (ESV) For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,*

*2 Peter 1:5-6 (ESV) For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness,*

**1. Draw \_\_\_\_\_ from God**

*Ephesians 6:10 (ESV) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.*

**A. Live your life with \_\_\_\_\_**

*Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV) ... let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith ...*

**B. Be strong in \_\_\_\_\_ and prayer**

*Ephesians 6:17-18 (ESV) and take ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,*

**2. Be a \_\_\_\_\_ for God**

*2 Corinthians 10:3 (ESV) For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh.*

**A. Use divine \_\_\_\_\_**

*2 Corinthians 10:4 (ESV) For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.*

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ opposition to God's truth**

*2 Corinthians 10:5 (ESV) We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,*

**3. Keep your focus on the \_\_\_\_\_**

*Hebrews 10:35-36 (ESV) Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.*

**A. Decide to \_\_\_\_\_ to the end**

*2 Timothy 2:12-13 (ESV) if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.*

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ God will help you finish**

*Philippians 1:6 (ESV) And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

**Action Plan for This Week**

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.  
 Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun

- How will I obey God's Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Persevere as a Father Study Guide

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Intro. How does our heavenly Father impact every family on earth (Ephesians 3:14-15)?

How can you receive strength from your heavenly Father (Ephesians 3:16)?

Why is perseverance an essential quality for the Christian life (2 Peter 1:5-6)?

How do you explain the following statistics? When a mother is a regular church attender and the father is not, only 2% of children become church attenders as adults. When a father is a regular church attender, but the mother is not, 75% of the children become church attenders as adults.

1A. Why do fathers need to rely on God's strength, not their own (Ephesians 6:10)?

1B. Explain what it means to run the race of life with endurance (Hebrews 12:1-2).

1C. In what ways is perseverance necessary in using God's Word and prayer in spiritual battle (Ephesians 6:17-18)?

1D. How can a father be strong in his family in the ways of God?

2A. How can a father wage spiritual warfare for God (2 Corinthians 10:3)?

2B. What weapons has God given to destroy strongholds (2 Corinthians 10:4)? What is a stronghold?

2C. How can you destroy arguments raised against God's truth (1 Corinthians 10:5)?

2D. In what ways can the warrior aspect of fathers be wasted in trivial pursuits?

3A. How can lack of endurance cause a person to lose their eternal reward (Hebrews 10:35-36)?

3B. How is lack of endurance the same as denying Christ (2 Timothy 12:13)? What are the consequences?

3C. What is your responsibility and God's responsibility in finishing the race of life (Philippians 1:6)?

3D. What is your responsibility as a warrior in God's army for those around you?

3E. How can you grow stronger and more effective as a warrior for God?