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- # The Question

- Why should we desire to develop perseverance?

- We should desire perseverance because perseverance is a **Christ like characteristic**
- **2 Thes. 3:5**
- We should desire perseverance because perseverance **is one of the Christian virtues we are to pursue. 1 Tim. 6:11**
- We should desire perseverance because perseverance **is required to receive rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Heb. 10:36**
- We should desire perseverance because **or so that we will rejoice at the Revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:6-7**

- We should desire perseverance because perseverance brings about proven character. Rom. 5:4

- & perseverance---brings about --- proven character
- KJ experience NIV, NKJ, Revised S. simply character
- /Emphasized Bible a testing;
- New Living bible strength of character
- American Standard V. approvedness
- God's Word T. God's approval Wycliff proving
- /Message: forges tempered steel;
- Of virtue, maturity of character
- So we have: proven character; experience, character, testing, strength of character, approvedness, proving & God's approval

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- Our Faith
- Continually trusting Him

- 15, 000 writings
- 3, 154 quotations
- 34% quotes were from the Bible

- the separation of powers was the same
- principle found in [Jeremiah 17:9](#)
- Art. I, Sec. 8 provision on uniform immigration laws with [Leviticus 19:34](#);
- compare the Art. II, Sec. I provision that a president must be a natural born citizen with [Deuteronomy 17:15](#).
- The Art. III, Sec. 3 provision regarding witnesses and capital punishment with [Deuteronomy 17:6](#);
- Art. III, Sec. 3 provision against attainder with [Ezekiel 18:20](#).



- And notice that **Isaiah 33:22** defines the
- three branches of government, and
- **Ezra 7:24** establishes the type of tax exemptions that the Founders gave to our churches (that still exist today).
- The concept of republicanism set forth in Art. IV, Sec. 4 – that is, of electing our leaders at the local, county, state, and
- federal levels - has its origins in **Exodus 18:21**.

- Noah Webster, the Founder personally responsible for Art. I, Sec. 8, of the Constitution, specifically cites [Exodus 18:21](#)
- Samuel Adams:
  - I ... [rely] upon the merits of Jesus Christ for a pardon of all my sins.
- Charles Carroll
  - On the mercy of my Redeemer I rely for salvation and on His merits; not on the works I have done in obedience to His precepts.

- John Witherspoon
- I ... [entreat] you in the most earnest manner to believe in Jesus Christ, for "there is no salvation in any other" [ACTS 4:12]. ...if you are not reconciled to God through Jesus Christ, if you are not clothed with the spotless robe of His righteousness, you must forever perish.

- Robert Treat Pain
- I am constrained to express my adoration of the Supreme Being - the Author of my existence – in full belief of ... His forgiving mercy revealed to the world through Jesus Christ, through Whom I hope for never ending happiness in a future state.

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- Richard Stockton
- [I] subscribe to the entire belief of the great and leading doctrines of the Christian religion, ... [and I exhort] that the course of life held up in the Christian system is calculated for the most complete happiness that can be enjoyed in this mortal state.

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- Dr. Benjamin Rush
- My only hope of salvation is in the infinite
- transcendent love of God manifested to
- the world by the death of His Son upon the
- Cross. Nothing but His blood will wash
- away my sins [ACTS 22:16]. I rely
- exclusively upon it. Come, Lord Jesus!
- Come quickly!
- [REVELATION 22:20]

- John Dickinson
- Rendering thanks to my Creator ... for my birth in a country enlightened by the Gospel ... To Him I resign myself, humbly confiding in His goodness and in His mercy through Jesus Christ for the events of eternity.
- Gunning Bedford
- To the triune God - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost - be ascribed all honor and dominion, forevermore - Amen.

- Roger Sherman
- I believe that there is one only living and true God, existing in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost .... [and] that at the end of this world there will be a resurrection of the dead and a final judgment of all mankind when the righteous shall be publicly acquitted by Christ the Judge and admitted to everlasting life and glory, and the wicked be sentenced to everlasting punishment.



- John Jay, the original Chief Justice of the
- U. S. Supreme Court and an author of the *Federalist Papers*, declared:
- Unto Him who is the author and giver of all good, I render sincere and humble thanks for His manifold and unmerited blessings, and especially for our redemption and salvation by His beloved Son .... Blessed be His holy name.



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