

“AND THEY CONTINUED”

Act 2:42 And they **continued steadfastly** in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Act 2:43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Act 2:44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

Act 2:45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.

Act 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Act 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

1Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

con·tin·ue

1. To go on with a particular action or in a particular condition; persist.
2. To exist over a prolonged period; last.
3. To remain in the same state, capacity, or place: *She continued as mayor for a second term.*
4. To go on after an interruption; resume: *The negotiations continued after a break for lunch.*

v.tr.

1. To carry forward; persist in: *The police will continue their investigation.*
2. To carry further in time, space, or development; extend.
3. To cause to remain or last; retain.

stead·fast also sted·fast

1. Fixed or unchanging; steady.
2. Firmly loyal or constant; unswerving
 1. (esp of a person's gaze) fixed in intensity or direction; steady
 2. unwavering or determined in purpose, loyalty,

Unmovable:

Adj. 1. unmoved - emotionally unmoved; "always appeared completely unmoved and composed; steady"

unaffected, untouched

unaffected - undergoing no change when acted upon; "entirely unaffected by each other's writings"; "fibers remained apparently unaffected by the treatment"

2. unmoved - being in the original position; not having been moved; unaltered, unchanged - remaining in an original state; "persisting unaltered through time"

Col 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

Col 1:22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

Col 1:23 **If ye continue in the faith** grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Joh 8:31

If ye continue in my word - Or, in this doctrine of mine. It is not enough to receive God's truth - we must retain and walk in it. And it is only when we receive the truth, love it, keep it, and walk in it, that we are the genuine disciples of Christ.

2Ti 3:14 **But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned** and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*;

2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

1Ti 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; **continue in them:** for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

WHILE YOU ARE CONTINUING YOUR WALK WITH GOD - YOU MUST ADD SOME OF GOD'S VIRTUES TO YOUR LIFE

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2Pe 1:5 And beside this, **giving all diligence**, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

2Pe 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

2Pe 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

2Pe 1:8 **For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

2Pe 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

2Pe 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

2Pe 1:11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2Pe 1:12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know *them*, and be established in the present truth.

Giving All Diligence: Note: These Godly Characteristics do not automatically grow without our diligent effort to cultivate them. A believer must be actively involved in Christian growth in order to be spiritually victorious.

In your faith supply virtue. Faith is the basis of the Christian life and all are expected to possess it, but out of it must grow other excellencies.

1. **Virtue**: Moral Excellency; Moral courage, the natural fruit of a trusting faith in God.
2. **Knowledge**: Always growing in the grace and knowledge; learning of Him and his will for your life. (Destroyed for lack of knowledge; Study to shew thyself approve unto God, rightly dividing the word of Truth).
3. **Temperance**: Self Control; Self restraint.
4. **Patience**: Endurance; perseverance
5. **Godliness**: A reverence for things divine shown by growing more and more into the divine likeness. A God likeness, in thought and in deeds.
6. **Brotherly kindness**: An active good will towards the saints, Brotherly Affection.
7. **Charity**: or "love"; that is, to all men, enemies, as well as to the household of faith; and to God, to his house, worship, ordinances, people and truths.

1Co 13:8 **Charity never faileth**: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

1Co 13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

1Co 13:10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

2Pe 1:8 **For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

2Pe 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

“Surely the man who has not these virtues is shortsighted even to blindness”

“having forgotten the cleansing of his own sins”

2Pe 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence** to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

“Therefore brothers, make all the greater efforts; Therefore, brethren, be the more passionate”

“To make God’s choice of you certain and beyond all doubt”

“ Therefore as long as you exercise these qualities you will never make a slip”

2Pe 1:11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

“Some Believers, because of negligence, will barely make it into the kingdom”

1Co 3:14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

1Co 3:15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

“While others who remain steadfast in diligent to the end will be welcomed richly into the Kingdom”

Mat 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

2Pe 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

2Pe 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.