

THE POWER TWINS
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We relate to things through our 5 physical senses.

The whole world that you and I see isn't in fact all there is ... there is a spirit world out there ... angels, demons.

Remember: The just shall live by faith.

Faith is a decision to believe. We have talked about the fact that there has to be faith in 2 places ... in our heart and in our mouth. We've talked about the gift of righteousness.

There is another important ingredient when we are talking about faith ... the partner to faith ... one of the two power twins ... patience.

We require both FAITH AND PATIENCE. OUR FAITH NEEDS TO CONTINUE AND CONTINUE AND CONTINUE ... UNTIL WE REACH OUR GOALS.

Patience without faith won't achieve what we want. Faith and patience ... the POWER TWINS.

James 1:2-8

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that **the testing of your faith produces patience.** But let patience (Greek: hupomone ... the characteristic of a man or woman that is not swerved from their deliberate purpose, by even the greatest of trials) have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will

receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. (We have to be fixed ... single-minded. Doubting ... Greek ... Diakrino ... of two opinions)

James 1:12

Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. (Endures = Patiently Waits)

Do we have faith and patience?

James 5:7-8

Therefore be patient, (Greek: makrothumeo ... to be long-spirited) brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient (makrothumeo). Establish your hearts, (settle them down ... make your heart stable!) for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

There is a time to allow. No use getting agitated. We still have to be patient. Keep the faith going as long as is necessary. Be constant ... not swerving. Until we reach the end.

Hebrews 6:11-15

And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured (Greek implies: waited), he obtained the promise.

Hebrews 6:16-20

For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel,

confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Romans 15:4-6

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God Himself is patient and steadfast, constant. We are sons and daughters of The Living God ... so no surprise if we are to develop the same attributes. The scriptures are there for our learning.

Remember: **Romans 10:17**

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

We should see beyond the words ... we should see ... to the voice of Abba Father and Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 3:12-19

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; (would someone who is steadfast depart from The Living God?) but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence **steadfast to the end,** (remain constant ... right to our end or until we receive our promise in answer to our prayer) while it is said:

"Today, if you will hear His voice,

Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? (none of them remained constant ... only Joshua and Caleb. The people walked by sight ... not by faith)) Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. (they didn't trust God)

Patience keeps our faith going ... until "the job" is done.

Luke 8:9-15

Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?"

And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that

'Seeing they may not see,

And hearing they may not understand.'

"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. (A good description of not being constant!!) Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. (These people are distracted ... not constant!!) **But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.** (They hold fast to the word. They are steadfast!!)

Hebrews 10:35-39

Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

For you have need of endurance, (KEEP ON GOING!!) so that

after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

"For yet a little while,

And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.

Now the just shall live by faith; (Hab 2:4; Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11)

But if anyone draws back, (you are no longer patient, no longer constant)

My soul has no pleasure in him."

But we are not of those who draw back to perdition (destruction), but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

Galatians 6:7-9

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. (The Law of Sowing and Reaping) For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. (Corruption or Everlasting Life?) And **let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.** (The harvest will come. All we have to do is remain in faith and patience ... until ...)

Remember: we look unto The Lord Jesus ... the author and finisher of our faith.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, **while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen (looking with our "eye of faith").** For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 AMPLIFIED BIBLE

Therefore we do not become discouraged (utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear). Though our outer man is [progressively]

decaying and wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day after day.

For our light, momentary affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour) is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!],

Since we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting.

2 Peter 1:2-11

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your **faith** virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control

perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:13-18

Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; and consider that the

longsuffering (makrothumeo ... patient, steadfast) of our Lord is salvation —as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, **beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, (therefore ... remain constant!!)** being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:9-12

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, O man of God, flee these things and **pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.** Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Colossians 1:9-12

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, **for all patience (hupomone) and longsuffering (makrothumeo) with joy** (because we know our prayer will be answered); giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and **let us run with endurance (with patience) the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,** who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Matthew 24:13

But **he who endures to the end** shall be saved. (Hupomone ... standing fast).

We have to keep on keeping on ... not blowing hot or cold ... we remain constant!! It's through faith and patience that we inherit the promises. We need them both ... THE POWER TWINS.