

How To Survive A Life of Chaos – Part III Perseverance and Passion

I. Introduction

*Never give in, never give in, never, never, never—in nothing, great or small,
large or petty—never give in, except to convictions of honor and good sense.
Never give in.*

Winston Churchill

II. Perseverance — The Anatomy



A. Factors

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

B. Perseverance Illustrated (II Corinthians 11:23-27; Philippians 4:11-12)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

C. Foundations for Perseverance

If God promised His servants an unbroken run of prosperity, there would be many counterfeit Christians. Don't be surprised at famine... it is permitted to root you deeper just as a whirlwind makes the tree grapple deeper roots into soil.

F. B. Meyer

- 1.

2.

Types of Fruit:

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3.

"We come closer to God at our lowest moments. It's easiest to hear God when you are stripped of pride and arrogance, when you have nothing to rely on except God. It's pretty painful to get to that point, but when you do, God's there."

Terry Anderson, captive during Iran hostage crisis

D. The Biblical Foundations

1. Confidence in _____ (Romans 8: 28, 31-39; John 14:5; I Samuel 2:6-8)
2. Hope in _____ (Psalm 27:13)
3. Experience—God's history in your life
4. A confidence in God's call (II Timothy 1:12)
5. Friends who care (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

E. Some Practical Suggestions

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

III. Building Passion in Life

A. What Kills Passion?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

B. Building Blocks of Passion

- 1.
- 2.



How?

C. Process

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

"Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God."

Jim Elliot,
martyred missionary

IV. Conclusions

A. Re-ordering Life—Not Easy

B. My Personal Process

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

C. Review Pattern

Key Questions:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

D. Suggestions

SELF ASSESSMENT	
List the ways your life and circumstances seem to be chaotic or out of control. Be quite specific.	
Personal	Marriage
Family	Work