

The Best Thing We Can Do
Revelation 3:7-13

In life simply not giving up too soon is _____ to victory. That seems self-evident. But regarding our faith as Christians, the Bible often reminds us that not giving up too soon _____ the victory!

Jesus commends the church in Philadelphia and gives them an open door even though they have little strength. He says, they have not _____, backed down, or _____. There is something about simply not giving up or giving in which honors and pleases our Lord like nothing else. Sometimes hanging in there is all we can do.

In Philadelphia, _____ had sapped what strength they had. But there are other times in life when God knows that just holding fast is the _____ thing because it is the _____ thing we can do.

Some of you have walked the path of the valley of the shadow of _____ or others like it. A job lost. A _____ who will come to his senses and come home to God. A marriage relationship lost because of _____. Sometimes just hanging on to God is the _____ thing we can do.

It is often the _____ thing. In their weakness and perseverance, Jesus promises that He will, in time, show up and with a _____. "I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan come and fall down at your feet and _____ that I have loved you." "I will also keep you from the hour of _____ that is going to come on the whole world." "I will make you pillar in the temple of my God." "I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name." Never underestimate the importance of simply persevering in times of trial. It will in time _____ the _____ of God to go through the _____ open before you.

Persevering through hardship is seen as a great victory by God because it is confirmation of our trust in His sovereign _____ and in the ultimate _____ of the kingdom and its citizens.