

Romans 12:12

Better than Stoic

KSN [hope, patient / stoic, bear, grin]

1) Rejoice in Hope

- a) The Hope God will share His Glory with us

- b) The Hope God will receive Glory from us

2) Patient in Tribulation

- a) The Example of Christ – Heb 12:2

- b) The Pattern for the Christian – Heb 12:3

3) Constant in Prayer

- a) In the Commands of Jesus / Apostles...
 - Luke 21:36
 - Eph 6:18
 - Col 4:2
 - 1 Thes 5:17
 - Phil 4:6
 - 1 Pet 4:7
 - 1 Tim 2:1

- b) In the Pictures Jesus paints...
 - Luke 11:5-8
 - Luke 18:1-8

- c) In the Example of the Saints
 - Hannah – 1 Sam 1:10-16
 - David – Psa 55:16-17, 62:8
 - Daniel – Dan 6:10,16,20
 - Paul – Rom 1:9-10, Eph 1:16, Col 1:3, etc.
 - Apostles – Acts 1:14, 6:4
 - Early Church – Acts 2:42
 - Epaphras – Col 4:12

- d) In the Example of Jesus Himself
 - Mark 1:35
 - Luke 5:16
 - Luke 22
 - Heb 5:7-8

Praxis

1. What are other slogans like “grin & bear it” that Christians often unthinkingly absorb?
2. How might others (believers and unbelievers) around us be able to tell that we are rejoicing in hope during our troubles?
3. For which of your troubles have you stopped praying?
4. Thought Question: Does “as You will, Lord” in our prayers tend to make us more fervent / constant in prayer or less? How? Consider Luke 22:42-44...