

### 34-Perseverance & Steadfastness

Hold on to what is good, Even if it's a handful of earth. Hold on to what you believe, Even if it's a tree that stands by itself. Hold on to what you must do, Even if it's a long way from here. Hold on to your life, Even if it's easier to let go. Hold on to my hand, Even if someday I'll be gone away from you.

Crowfoot, Blackfoot

Though he be ever so tired by repeated failure, let him begin his operations again and again; for fortune greatly favors the man who perseveres in his undertakings.

Hinduism, *Laws of Manu* 9: 300

The lips of the wise disperse knowledge; but the heart of the foolish is not steadfast.

Judaism, *Mishlei (Proverbs)*, 15: 7

So when it is said of Moses that he was five cubits in height, it means that he was an adept practised in the five virtues leading to spiritual perfection, viz., love to God, chastity, charity, humility and perseverance in meditation and study of the secret doctrine.

Judaism, Nurho De Manhar,  
*The Sepher Ha-Zohar (The Book of Light)*, Introduction 7.8

An act carelessly performed, a broken vow, unwilling obedience to discipline—all these bring no great reward.

Buddhism, *Dhammapada* 312

[W]hen your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything.

Christianity, *James* 1: 3-4

More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts.

Christianity, *Romans* 5: 3-5

So don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time.

Christianity, *Galatians* 6: 9

And God loves those who are firm and steadfast.

Islam, *Qur'án* 3: 146

Then he should have been of those who believe and exhort one another to perseverance and exhort one another to mercy. These are the people of the right hand.

Islam, *Qur'án* 90: 11-21

Perseverance is an essential condition. In every project firmness and steadfastness will undoubtedly lead to good results; otherwise it will exist for some days, and then be discontinued.

Bahá'i, 'Abdu'-Bahá,  
*Selections from the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá*, p. 144

Be ye the embodiments of such steadfastness amidst mankind that ye will not be kept back from God by the doubts of those who disbelieved in Him when He manifested Himself, invested with a mighty sovereignty.

Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh, *The Kitáb-i-Áqdas*, K 134