

# **AA19. Persevering, Standing Firm, & Growing in Our Faith.**

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This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

### 1 Corinthians 15:58

*So, my dear brothers, stand firm and immovable, always doing the Lord's work as vigorously as you can, knowing that united with the Lord your efforts are not in vain.*

### 1 Corinthians 16:13

*Stay alert, stand firm in the faith, behave like a mentsh, grow strong.*

### James 1:4

*But let perseverance do its complete work; so that you may be complete and whole, lacking in nothing.*

### Jude 1:20

*But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith, and pray in union with the Ruach HaKodesh.*

### Revelation 13:10

*"If anyone is meant for captivity, into captivity he goes! If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he is to be killed!" This is when God's holy people must persevere and trust!*

### Revelation 14:12

*This is when perseverance is needed on the part of God's people, those who observe his commands and exercise Yeshua's faithfulness.*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Galatians 5:1

Philippians 1:27

Colossians 4:12

1 Thessalonians 3:8

2 Thessalonians 2:15

2 Timothy 3:10, 4:7

2 Peter 1:5

Revelation 2:3, 3:15-16

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

AA21 Not Being Lukewarm in Our Faith  
AA31 Being Steadfast in Our Faith and Thinking  
BA04 Trusting (Having Faith) in God and Yeshua  
BA05 Not Being Ashamed of, or Denying Our Belief and Faith in Yeshua  
BA20 Listening to, Believing, and Obeying the Good News of Yeshua  
BA28 Believing that Yeshua Died for Our Sins  
BA32 Believing that Yeshua is the Messiah, the Son of God, and Deity  
BA50 Believing that Yeshua's Sacrifice was for All of Humanity  
FA11 Petitioning God in Faith and with Thanksgiving  
FA26 Praying with Faith and without Doubt  
GA08 Not Backsliding in Our Faith After Knowing God's Righteousness  
JA11 Keeping the Faith Amidst of Persecution  
OA07 Imitating the Faith of Our Spiritual Leaders  
SA01 Fighting the Good Fight of the Faith  
SA07 Not Denying the Power of Faith  
TA01 Believing in (Trusting) Yeshua for Salvation  
TA06 Believing in Resurrection of the Dead  
TA10 Believing that Yeshua was Raised from the Dead  
TA11 Believing that Yeshua Died for Our Sins  
UA06 Overcoming Adversity through Faith and Perseverance  
AB06 Walking in the Holy Spirit through Faith and Hearing  
CB20 Raising Our Children to Believe in Yeshua  
EB04 Believing the Prophets  
FB06 Women to Continue in Faith and Love  
GB17 Doing Everything in Faith and Unto Yeshua  
GB23 Pursuing That Which Makes for Faith and Upbuilding  
GB54 Not Acting in Unbelief  
GB68 Accompanying Our Faith with Actions  
HB08 Not Believing that Yeshua Abolished the Torah or the Prophets  
HB17 Believing the Holy Scriptures and Knowing Their Usefulness

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

### Genesis 15:6

He [Avram] believed in ADONAI, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

### Psalms 62:7(6)-9(8)

*He alone is my rock and salvation, my stronghold; I won't be moved. My safety and honor rest on God. My strong rock and refuge are in God. Trust in him, people, at all times; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.*

Psalms 118:6-9

*With ADONAI on my side, I fear nothing- what can human beings do to me? With ADONAI on my side as my help, I will look with triumph at those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in ADONAI than to trust in human beings; better to take refuge in ADONAI than to put one's trust in princes.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

*Trust in ADONAI with all your heart; do not rely on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him; then he will level your paths.*

Proverbs 16:20

*He who has skill in a matter will succeed; he who trusts in ADONAI will be happy.*

Proverbs 29:25

*Fearing human beings is a snare; but he who trusts in ADONAI will be raised high [above danger].*

SEE ALSO:

Psalms 20:8(7), 32:10, 37:3-6, 71:5-6, 112:7, 143:8-9

Isaiah 26:3-4

Jeremiah 17:7-8

**Comment**

“Persevering” means continuing in a course of action in the face of difficulty, and “faith” is defined in Hebrews 11:1 of the CJB as “*being confident of what we hope for, convinced about things we do not see.*” The difficulty about faith that requires perseverance is that being sure of something without seeing it is contrary to our unaided human instinct. We are also told to stand firm in our faith, and that is because we tend to slip back from faith even having achieved it, if the goal for which we are believing is not realized in a relatively short time. Finally, we are called to grow in our faith, and that is achieved through practice in much the same way as athletes train their bodies. The more often we rely on faith, the easier it becomes to achieve it and maintain it.

**Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

G12 Having Faith in God & Trusting Him in All Things

G19 Praying in Faith & Having Faith for That Which We Pray

Y04 Expecting & Accepting Persecution on Account of Our Faith in Yeshua