

VALIANT IN THE CAUSE OF CHRIST

Joseph Smith valiantly carried on Christ's work and taught others to do likewise.

From the beginning of his ministry, the Prophet Joseph Smith encountered a great deal of opposition and persecution. But he stood firm in the testimony of Christ and taught the Saints to do the same with boldness, cheerfulness, and a fixed resolve. Here are some of the Prophet's teachings on what it means to be a valiant follower of Christ.*

PERSEVERANCE AND CHEERFULNESS

"We hope to persevere on in every good and useful work, even unto the end, that when we come to be tried in the balance we may not be found wanting."

"Shall we not go on in so great a cause? Go forward and not backward. Courage, brethren; and on, on to the victory! Let your hearts rejoice, and be exceedingly glad."

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST AND RECEIVING OUR REWARD

"Strengthening our faith by adding every good quality that adorns the children of the blessed Jesus, we can pray in the season of prayer; we can love our neighbor as ourselves, and be faithful in tribulation, knowing that the reward of such is greater in the kingdom of heaven. What a consolation! What a joy! Let me live the life of the righteous, and let my reward be like his!"

"In the name of Jesus Christ, we entreat you to live worthy of the blessings that shall follow after much tribulation, to satiate the souls of them that hold out faithful to the end."

"Hold fast that which ye have received so liberally from the hand of God so that when the times of refreshing shall come ye may not have labored in vain, but that ye may rest from all your labors and have fulness of joy in the kingdom of God."

"A good man will endure all things to honor Christ, and even dispose of the whole world, and all in it, to save his soul."

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