

A Champion's Courage Pursuing Gold - Part 4

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Main Text: 2 Corinthians 11:24-28, 12:7-10

"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."
2 Cor 4:8-9

How Champions Handle Adversity:

"Your attitude determines your altitude..." ~ John C. Maxwell

1. We face it with _____.

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong."
1 Cor 16:13

A. Accept the _____ of adversity.

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
John 16:33

B. Stand up against _____.

"...God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it."
1 Cor 10:13

C. Remember that you are never _____.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."
Deut 31:6

2. We take _____ for our choices.

"...each of us will give an account of himself to God." Rom 14:12

A. Refuse to live as a _____.

 (Gen 50:20)

B. Release the _____ to God.

 (2 Thess 1:6)

C. Recapture our _____ in God.

 (Acts 20:24)

3. We _____ from it.

"I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw..."
Prov 24:32

"Experience is not what happens to you. Experience is what you do with what happens to you."
~ Aldous Huxley

A. Adversity gives us the opportunity to grow

_____ and _____.

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials...because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."
James 1:2-4

4. We never let it _____ us.

"You are more than a champion through our Lord Jesus Christ."
Rom 8:37 (COACH)

"Don't let the failures from outside get inside you"
~ John C. Maxwell

5. We _____ through it with God's **STRENGTH**.

"I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being."
Eph 3:16