

Launching Text: Psalms 116:8 For thou (O Lord) has delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

Preaching Text: Psalms 116:9-17 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁰ I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted: ¹¹ I said in my haste, All men are liars. ¹² What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? ¹³ I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. ¹⁴ I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people. ¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. ¹⁶ O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds. ¹⁷ I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

Primary Verse Psalms 116:13 I will take the cup of salvation (what God offers which is always victory and call upon the name of the Lord.

Intro: Every believer needs to be armed with the Word and dangerous in Faith for the Kingdom of God.

Colossians 3:16 Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.....

Mark 11:22 ...Have faith in God.....

Today's message is concerning TENACITY IN THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER.

Tenacity defined: holding firmly, strongly cohesive, persistent, courageously stubborn, absolutely will not quit.

James 1:22 addresses it this way...But be ye (continually) doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. IN THIS MESSAGE we will look at living the tenacious life.

1. CONFESSION: I WILL TENACIOUSLY STAND IN GOD'S PRESENCE

TEXT: Psalms 116:9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

How do we do it? Stay out of sin

Isa 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that He will not hear.

Prov 4:27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

1-Thes 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

Job 17:9 The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger & stronger

2. CONFESSION: I WILL TENACIOUSLY SPEAK GOD'S PROMISES

TEXT: Psalms 116:10 I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:

I have believed--therefore I speak it--what--God's promises.

2-Cor 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and there have I spoken; we believe, and therefore (we) speak.

Mark 11:24 Therefore what things soever you desire, when you pray (or speak) believe that you have receive them and you shall have them.

Heb 11:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that promised.

2-Tim 1:13 Hold fast the from of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith & love which is in Christ Jesus.

Prov 18:21 Death & life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it (death or life) shall eat the fruit Thereof.

3. CONFESSION: I WILL TENACIOUSLY SECURE GOD'S PLAN

TEXT: Psalms 116:13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

Verse 12 says What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits to me? *I will take it*

What is God's plan? It is salvation and prosperity in all things!

3-John v2 Beloved I wish that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospers.

Psalms 35:27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause: yea, let them continually say, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

1. Saved from Sin

1-John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2. Save from Satan

Luke 10:19 Behold I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall be any means hurt you.

3. Saved from Sickness

Isa 53:5by his (Jesus) stripes you are healed.

4. Saved from Shortage

Phil 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus the Lord.

5. Saved from Situations

Isa 54:17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper and every word that rises up in judgement against thee shalt thou condemn for this is the heritage of servants of the Lord and their righteousness is of me.

Ps 34:19 Many are the affliction of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

Heb 3:6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

4. CONFESSION: I WILL TENACIOUSLY SEND GODLY PAYMENTS

TEXT: Psalms 116:14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

Rom 13:5-8 Wherefore you must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For this cause pay you tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attend continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues; custom to whom custom; fear (or reverence) to whom fear (or reverence); honor to whom honor. Own no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loves another hath fulfilled the law.

1. Pay Tithes Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

2. Pay Taxes Matthew 22:17-22 (The Pharisees questioned Jesus to entangle Him and said) Tell us therefore What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? ¹⁸ But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? ¹⁹ Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. ²⁰ And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? ²¹ They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

Pay your tithes & pay your taxes....we are to do what we are suppose to do!

Duet 23:21 When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.

Ecc 5:5 Better is it that thou should not vow, that that thou should vow and not pay it.

5. CONFESSION: I WILL TENACIOUSLY SERVE GOD & MAN PROPERLY

TEXT: Psalms 116:16 O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

John 2: 5 (principle) Whatever He says to do, I will gladly do it. Why? Because He has loosed my bonds!

Ps 100:2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

Num 32:31....As the Lord hath said unto thy servants, so will we do.

Ps 101:6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: He that walks in a perfect way shall serve me. Gen 17:1 walk before me and be thou perfect.

James 1:4 But let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

How? By serving the Lord and mankind. *We have been ordained for it!*

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordain you that you should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain.

6. CONFESSION: I WILL TENACIOUSLY SHOW GOD'S PRAISE

TEXT: Psalms 116:17a I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving.....

Heb 15:15 By Him (Jesus) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.

Ps 150:6 Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

1-Thes 5:18 In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Why? Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

7. CONFESSION: I WILL TENACIOUSLY SEEK GOD'S PLENTY

TEXT: Psalms 116:17b I will call upon the name of the Lord.

Prov 18:10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Mat 6:33 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things (the things needed in life) shall be added unto you.

Plenty of His Presence.

Love,

Joy,

Peace,

Power,

Provision,

Comfort,

Direction,

Healing,

Revelation,

And just anything you need----it shall be given unto you.

CONCLUSION: It's not time to quit ---- it's time to keep on going---

Mat 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffers violence but the violent take it by force.

Gal 6:9 Be not weary in well doing for in due season, you shall reap, if you faint not!

Love will get you there---but tenacity will keep you there and you will enjoy the benefits of God.
tenaciously stand, speak, secure, send, serve, show and seek and all will end well!