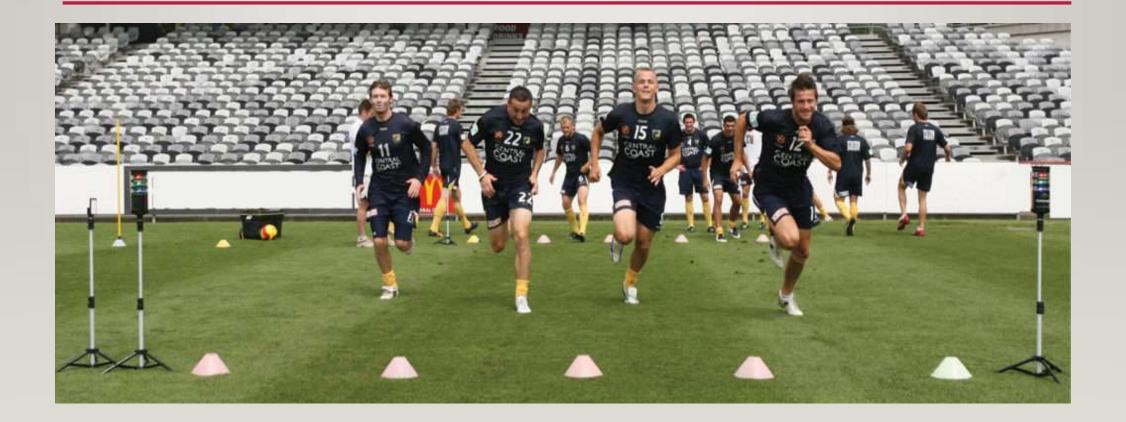


SPIRITUALLY INTELLIGENT PEOPLE DON'T QUIT







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- Definition:
- **Perseverance** is not giving up. It is persistence and tenacity, the effort required to do something and keep doing it till the end, even if it's hard. --persistence in doing something despite difficulty, obstacles or discouragement which delay in achieving success:

- Is not.....
- Apathy
- Cowardice
- Indifference
- Irresolution

- Weakness
- Idleness
- Indolence
- Laziness
- Lethargy

- Biblical context
 - OT God's permanence/man's ability to change; confidence in God doing it
 - NT Hypomone (steadfastness under pressure) perseverance; endurance; faith; hope Good works – what we do - Suffering – what we show

• Who in the Bible do you think demonstrated perseverance?



- Hebrews 12:1-2
- Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

• What hinders us from persevering?

• Romans 5: 3-5



Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.



- Hebrews 10:35-39
- ³⁵ So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.
- ³⁶ You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. ^s

- What is God calling you to persevere at? How's it going?
- Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4