

Enjoy the Parent preview below:

Character training has no impact unless it is a part of everyday life and it is idolatry unless done for the glory of God through Jesus Christ by His Spirit. Biblical character training is 'NOT BIBLICAL' without God's enabling by His Holy Spirit. Sure, done wrongly you may still see "moral improvements" or some short term "band-aid effects" but with no power to change a heart. So, **I encourage you to ask God every day for His Spirit to inwardly restrain, enlighten, correct, purify and guide your child and to give you the grace to teach and to speak the truth of the gospel into your child's life in an appropriate way and time.**

ENDURANCE vs. ANXIETY Parent Preview

Definition: is experiencing the power of God's love by rejoicing in trials and tribulations.

Tiny Tiger Definition: ENDURANCE the inward strength to withstand and do my best. (Emphasize that the inward strength comes from God)

Other definitions or quotes:

- "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." **Phil 3:14**
- "gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." **Is 40:29-31**
- "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." **Heb 12:1-2**

Application for Home and Life Skills Development:

WHY TEACH ENDURANCE? Endurance enables a person to weather the storms of life and press forward in the right way.

1. I will not be a "quitter."
2. I will accept both instruction and correction.
3. I will not waste my time, energy, and talent on meaningless pursuits.
4. I will bend instead of break.
5. I will put my whole heart into everything I do.

Scripture Memory for class:

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9 (ESV)

Tiny Tiger: "And let us not grow weary of doing good..do not give up.")

PRAISE CHILDREN:

When observing your child laboring day after day in various activities be alert to the demonstrations of endurance that you observe. Take time to commend your child who exhibits this important character quality. Generally, endurance will not bring quick results, so do not look for results as the basis for commendation. Rather, watch for evidence of endurance being manifested in the efforts of your child, whether it seems to be “paying off” or not, and praise them for it.

Illustrations Used in KK4C Class

Along with teaching and expanding on the above definition, the ‘I Wills’, and scripture, **ENDURANCE** will be illustrated using:

- **ENDURANCE in nature with the camel.** For centuries, the camel has served as a reliable source of transportation across areas impassable by any other means. From its nose to its tail, the camel is uniquely designed to withstand the stress of harsh desert conditions that stops most creatures dead in their tracks. **(No Character Card this Month they did not make one)**
- **Hero’s of Character with Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955)** – As the 15th of 17 children born to former slaves Mary McLeod worked alongside her family as they struggled to make a living planting cotton in a small field they bought from their former owner.

Personal Evaluation – How strong is your endurance?

1. Do you live as a soldier who is in the most critical spiritual war ever waged, or as a civilian in a time of peace, prosperity, and pleasure?
2. Do you rejoice when rejected by those who do not follow the ways of God, or do you complain that you have to suffer for your beliefs in God and the standards of true discipleship?
3. Do you rejoice for the sake of the gospel in being falsely accused and blamed for things you did not do, or do you become reactionary, defensive, and bitter towards those who question your integrity?
4. Do you accept God’s chastening for things you have done wrong, or do you become discouraged?
5. Do you resist temptation and bring every thought into captivity, or do you easily surrender to the lusts of the flesh and the lusts of the mind?
6. Do you receive trials and persecutions with joy so you can experience more of the power of Christ’s love, or do you fear man and suffering?

ENDURANCE in the Home Includes:

- Facing up to financial debt with the perseverance to pay it off.
- Parents having the faith not to give up hope for a disobedient child.
- Sticking to the task with homework, housework and family projects.
- Bearing each others’ burdens and hanging in there together.

Rewards of ENDURANCE

OPPORTUNITIES – Continuing to do what is right even through hard times will lead a person to unexpected opportunities that would have been missed if he or she had quit.

STRENGTH – The willingness to learn from hard times and difficult relationships builds strength of character that makes it worth it all.

Biblical Commentaries on ENDURANCE

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9 (ESV)

THE DIVINE LAW FULFILLED

And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary. (6:9)

For those who walk and sow in the Spirit, the fruit of patience (see 5:22) often seems among the most elusive. After years of faithful, unselfish service to the Lord, a believer may have experienced little obvious evidence of the Lord’s blessing. Like Paul, he may have more problems, frustrations, and persecution at the end of his life than he had when he was a new believer.

The Puritan saint John Brown wrote, “Many Christians are like children; they would sow and reap the same day.” It is easy to become tired of sowing and be anxious for the harvest.

Lose heart is from *enkakeō* and **grow weary** is from *ekluō*. Both terms carry the ideas of becoming exhausted and giving up. They are the opposite of being “steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58). It was to counter the temptation to **lose heart** and **grow weary** that the writer of Hebrews said, “Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart. (Heb. 12:1–3)”

Sometimes, of course, the problem is not spiritual weariness but spiritual laziness, becoming weary from doing nothing rather than from **doing good**. Sometimes the problem is spiritual hypocrisy, hearing and talking about serving the Lord but doing little of it (cf. James 1:22).

But when a believer is genuinely and persistently faithful in **doing good**, he has God’s assurance that **in due time** he **shall reap**. As in regard to reaping eternal life (v. 8), Paul is not talking here about salvation but about blessing, and ultimately eternal reward. He is saying that it is possible to serve God for a long time and then to give up and lose blessing here and reward in glory: The apostle John warned, “Watch yourselves, that you might not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward” (2 John 8).

Paul knew what it was not to **lose heart** and **grow weary** in the Lord’s work. On the shore near Miletus, he declared to the elders from Ephesus, “I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may finish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24). To the Corinthian church he said, “Since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. ... We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body, ... knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you. (2 Cor. 4:1–2, 8–10, 14)”

Paul reaped blessing in this life because he never gave up. He called the Thessalonian believers his “joy or crown of salvation” (1 Thess. 2:19). At the end of his life he could say, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing” (2 Tim. 4:7–8).¹ The reaping is both in this life and in the life to come.¹

¹MacArthur, J. (1996, c1987). *Galatians*. Includes indexes. (189). Chicago: Moody Press.

How to best use this Parent Preview at home:

It takes diligence to train our children ‘in’ and ‘of’ the gospel and in good character each day. However, this is your ministry as a parent: “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it”. And by God’s Grace your child will have true “repentance toward God and of ENDURANCE in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

This letter has tips to help you at home as you reinforce the biblical character training that your child is learning in our karate classes.

1. If you invest a few minutes a day and implement some of the ideas in this monthly letter at home you will help your child get SO MUCH MORE out of the time you spend at our school as well as establish patterns for successful behavior as adults.
2. If you do not have interest or time to read this entire newsletter. We encourage you to take a few seconds and just scan through the different topics.
3. Try it for a month! Print out this newsletter, and then each day pick something to discuss and practice with your children. We do it over dinner.

Here is an idea: We have five ‘I wills’, one scripture, and one definition. That is seven things total. What I try to do is take one of those seven things and discuss it, explain it, and catch my child doing it and applying it that day. Or, if they missed an opportunity to apply it I try to show them how they could have used it.

I take very seriously the opportunity you give me by allowing me to partner with you to teach your child the things of God.

So, **I appeal you by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the spirit to strive together with me in your prayers to God on behalf of your child that he or she would bear fruit for God in their lives.** Please pray before and during **every** class your child attends. Pray for God to open his or her eyes, ears, and heart to understand and apply His truth that we will be sharing that day. **Also, please pray for us** that we would be good stewards of the time you have given us with your child and we would be ENDURANCEful witnesses of our Lord and His word. **Every class, every time, please join with us in prayer.**

The Power of a Partnership and Consistency

I hope for the chance to expose your child to sound Biblical Character Training **over a long period of time.** And Lord willing, the longer the term of exposure to this curriculum the **BIGGER** the impact will be on your child and his or her growing in Christ-likeness and being a means by which God displays His Glory.

And your child will be exposed to this character building curriculum everyday you visit our school!

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