



Christian “Grit”
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- ¹¹ And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
- ¹³ For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, ¹⁴ saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” ¹⁵ And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise.


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- ¹⁶ For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. ¹⁷ So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.
- ¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Introduction: What is “Grit”?

(Dr. Angela Lee Duckworth)



A child in a blue shirt and white shorts is running away from the camera on a sandy beach. In the distance, another person is visible near the water's edge. The background is hazy, suggesting a foggy or overcast day.

Grit is passion and perseverance
for very long-term goals.

Grit is having stamina.

Grit is sticking with your
future, day-in, day-out.

Not just for the week,
not just for the month,
but for *years*.

And working really hard
to make that future a
reality. Grit is living life
like it's a marathon,
not a sprint.

—*Dr. Angela Lee Duckworth*



Christian Grit

- Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. (1 Corinthians 9:24)
- “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13)

I. God Rewards Those Whose Faith → Works

- **Good works: an outward manifestation of inward grace**
- ⁹ Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things— **things that belong to salvation.** (Hebrews 6:9)
- ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
- ¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, **and I will show you my faith by my works.** (James 2:15-18)

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- **By Serving Others:** (God is aware of your good works)
- ¹⁰ For **God is not unjust so as to overlook your work** and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. (Hebrews 6:10)

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- **Through Earnestness and Hope:** (Be “steadfast”!)
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- **With Faith and Patience:** (Building spiritual maturity)
- ¹² so that you may not be sluggish, but **imitators** of those who **through faith and patience inherit the promises.**

II. Example: Abraham Received the Promise

- Following the example of others: (“Moral exemplars”)
- ¹³ For when God made a promise to Abraham . . . saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” ¹⁵ And **thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise.** (Hebrews 6:13-15)

III. God's Promise and His Oath

- **The faithfulness of God to fulfill the covenant**
- Since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself . . . ¹⁶ For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. ¹⁷ So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of **the promise** the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with **an oath**, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6:13b, 16-18a)

IV. Hold Fast to Hope: A Sure and Steadfast Anchor

- Jesus Christ as a stabilizer during times of struggle:
- We who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the **hope** set before us. ¹⁹ We have this as **a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul** (Hebrews 6:18b-19a)

Closing Thought: “Rewards” vs. “Blessings”

Beyond the glory

Chariots of Fire

(1924 Paris Olympics)

Harold Abrahams (100 meters)



Eric Liddell (400 meters)



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Beyond the glory

- A hope that enters into **the inner place behind the curtain,** ²⁰ **where Jesus has gone** as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 6:19b-20)

The Blessings

- Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusts in thee. (Isaiah 26:3)
- Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content. (Philippians 4:11)
- ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (1 John 5:4-5)



Let Us Pray

