

Champions Arise Study Guide
Series: The Four Priorities
Priority #1: A personal progressive commitment to Jesus Christ
Program: #CA 25 (TFP1) – The Persevering Christian Life

Focus passage – Romans 5:3-4 *“We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.”*

1) Have you ever felt frustrated with your Christian walk? Why?

2) What was the first thing mentioned in the discussion that can interfere with a fruitful Christian life?

3) What was the second thing that can interfere with a fruitful Christian life?

“Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry”. 1 Corinthians 10:14

4) What was the third thing that can interfere with a fruitful Christian life?

5) What was the fourth thing that can interfere with a fruitful Christian life?

6) What was the fifth thing that can interfere with a fruitful Christian life?

“For the righteous falls seven times and rises again.” Proverbs 24:15

Commitment: I commit to overcoming the obstacles that interfere with me having a fruitful Christian life.

The Persevering Christian Life – LEADER’S GUIDE

1. Thank everyone for coming.
2. Open in prayer
3. Read the focus passage.
4. Ask men to answer Question #1. Remind the men that what is shared in the group is confidential.
5. Listen to the program: “The Persevering Christian Life”
6. After the program is finished, allow time for comments or questions on the program
7. Review the answers to the five remaining questions with the men in the group. Encourage everyone to participate, but never force or shame someone into participating.
 - a. Question #2 answer: We believe that trials are a bad thing.
 - b. Question #3 answer: Being distracted by idols. Ask the men what idols may be interfering with their Christian life. (1 Corinthians 10:14.)
 - c. Question #4 answer: Fear of sharing the gospel with others.
 - d. Question #5 answer: There is willful sin in our lives.
 - e. Question #6 answer: We don’t overcome our failures. (Proverbs 24:15)
8. Ask the men what was most important to them from this teaching.
9. Ask the men to commit to helping each other persevere through their trials.
10. Confirm the time for the next meeting
11. Take prayer requests.
12. Close in prayer

Sample prayer: Almighty God, thank you that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Help us to remember that trials move us closer to the image of Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.