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I love a good "perseverance" teaching, don't you? Perseverance teachings give us permission to just focus on the work for today. It's always a great message when we're told how futile worry is. If I take Pastor Jud's advice and am focusing on just "doing what is good", I have enough to challenge me right now, this day. Take care of the responsibilities, commitments and appointments of today and God will take care of the outcome.

When I consider the breakthroughs I tried to force, to rush... they didn't work – even the stuff I was just sure God would want. But, all of the really effective things in place in my life came from diligence and perseverance in the daily challenges and seeing God create the outcome in His timing with the people He chose. Don't force it. Don't rush it. Don't worry. Just do the good work that is right in front of you today. I've learned not to trust easy.



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