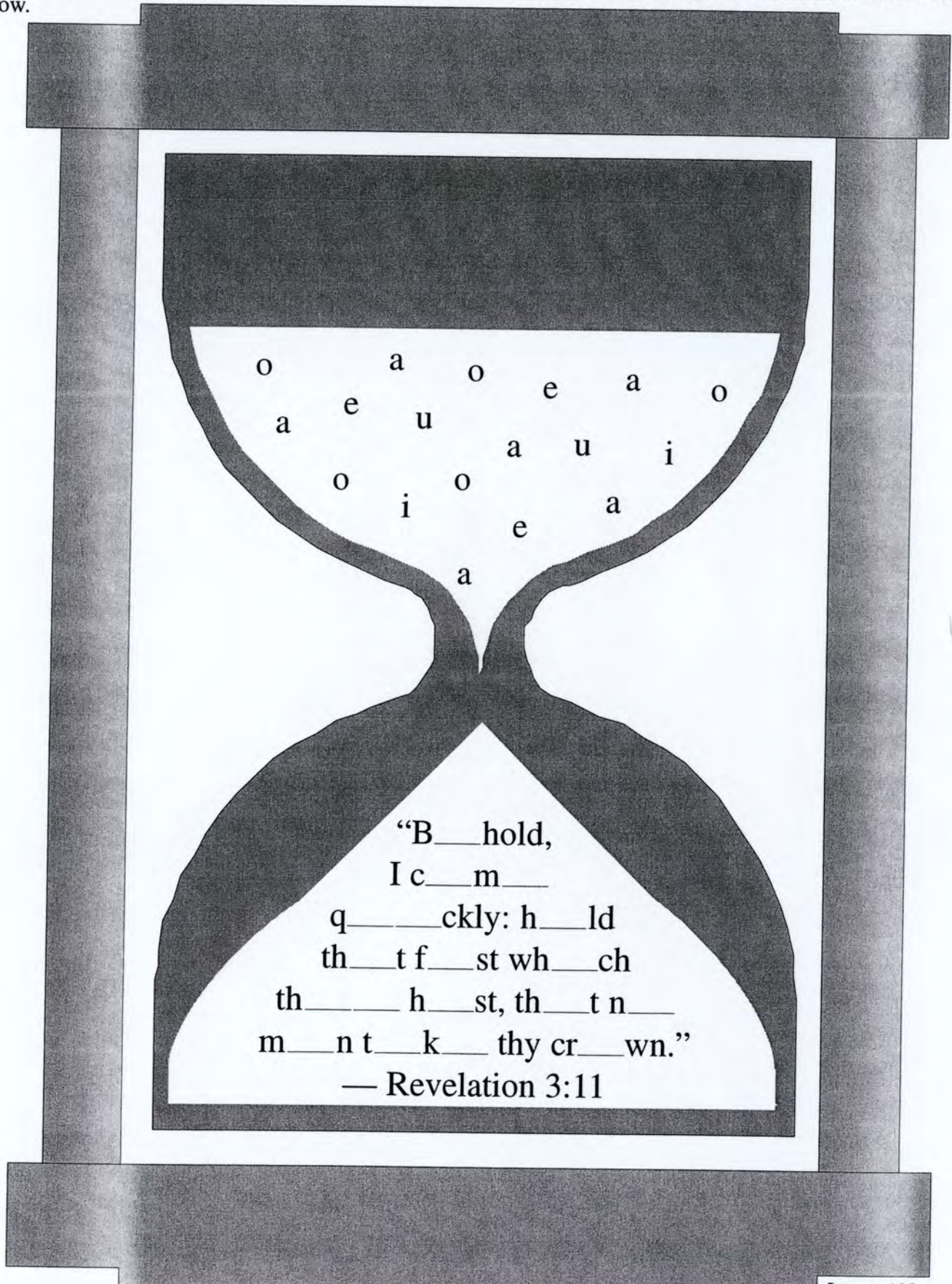


# It's Almost Time!

Those who remain true to Jesus till the day He returns to this world will have wonderful victory. That will be a great day. That time is almost here. Using all the vowels in the top of the hourglass, finish the words of the verse below.





# Are You Ready?

Paul cared about Timothy and wanted him to serve Jesus all his days. His instructions to Timothy are part of the Bible text for this lesson, and they still apply to us today if we want to reach the Goal—Heaven. Fill in the missing words of the following Bible text using the words that are listed below. The words in parentheses help to define each word.

AFFLICTIONS (hardships)  
DOCTRINE (instruction / God's Word)  
ENDURE (tolerate)  
FABLES (myths / untruth)  
FULL PROOF (fulfill)  
HEAP (gather)  
INSTANT (ready)  
LONGSUFFERING (great patience)  
LOVE (desire / long for)  
PREACH (tell)  
WATCH (be sober)

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; \_\_\_\_\_ the word; be \_\_\_\_\_ in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. For the time will come when they will not \_\_\_\_\_ sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they \_\_\_\_\_ to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto \_\_\_\_\_. But \_\_\_\_\_ thou in all things, endure \_\_\_\_\_, do the work of an evangelist, make \_\_\_\_\_ of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that \_\_\_\_\_ his appearing." — 2 Timothy 4:1-8



# What Does It Mean?

"He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Mark 13:13). The definition of the word *endure*, as used in this verse, means "to continue." Read through all the words below and circle the ones that also mean to endure. Cross out the ones that mean just the opposite. Rewrite the key verse using your own words to explain what you think Jesus wants us to do until He comes back.

endure    persist  
leave    desert    forsake  
remain    stay    neglect    hold  
abandon    prevail    keep on    abide  
continue    last  
fail

What Jesus Wants Us To Do . . .

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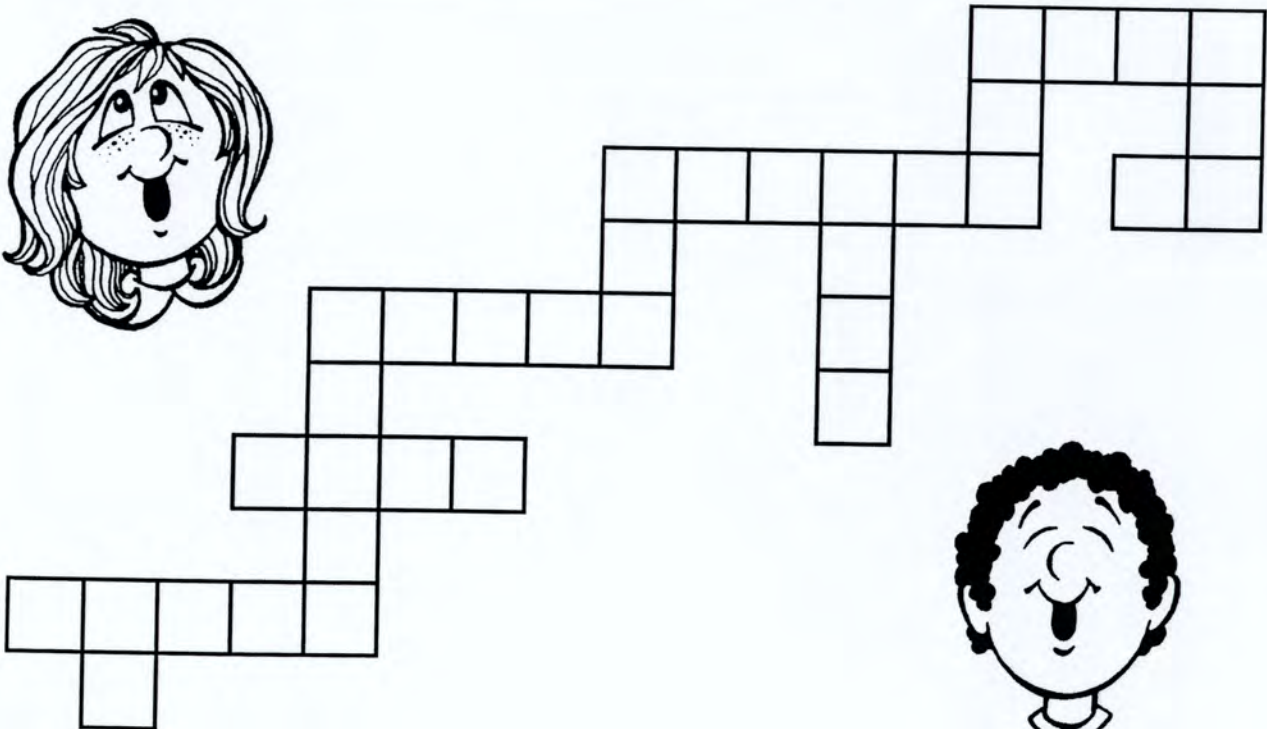
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# Endure to the End

Jesus warned that Christians would be hated by those who did not want to believe in Jesus' name. But, He gave a wonderful promise to everyone who would serve Him no matter what other people said. That promise is in the following verse. Fit each of the words of the verse into the grid below.

"He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." — Mark 13:13





# REACH THE GOAL!

Look up each verse and write the word or words in the space below. Each one tells how we can win the victory. The first one has been done for you.

- Mark 13:13      17<sup>th</sup> word
- Hebrews 12:1    33<sup>rd</sup> word
- 2 Timothy 3:14   2<sup>nd</sup> word
- James 5:7        1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> words
- Deut. 31:6        1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> words
- Revelation 3:3    1<sup>st</sup> word
- Psalms 31:23    2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> words
- Philippians 4:1   14<sup>th</sup> word
- Revelation 2:25   7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> words

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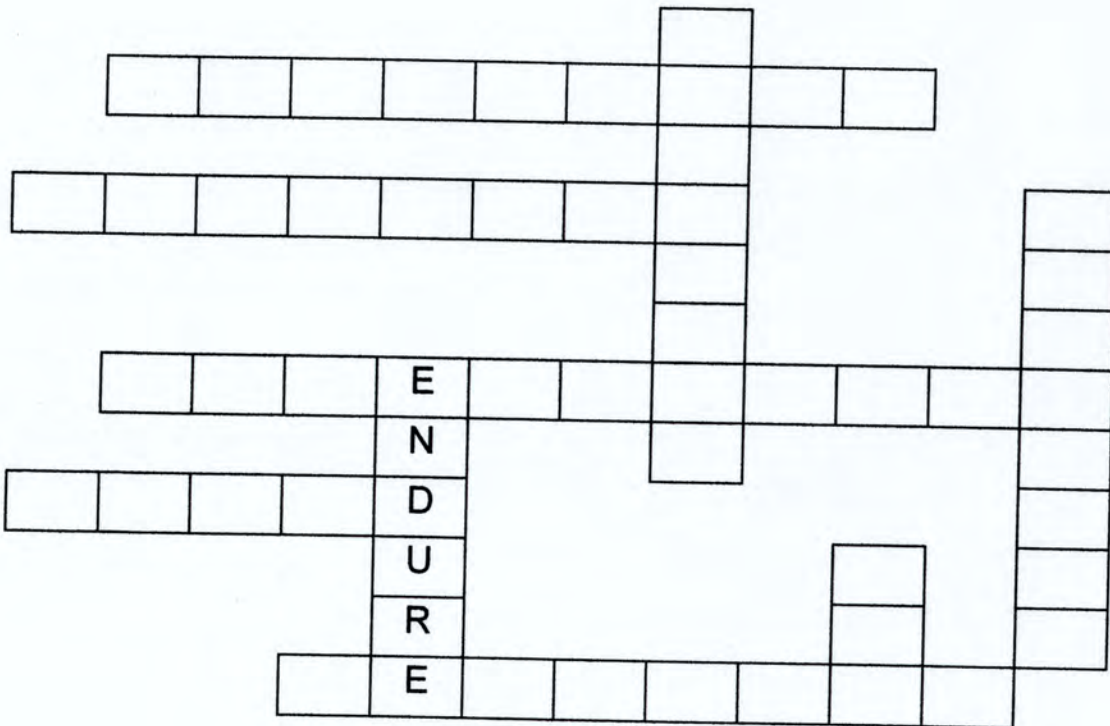
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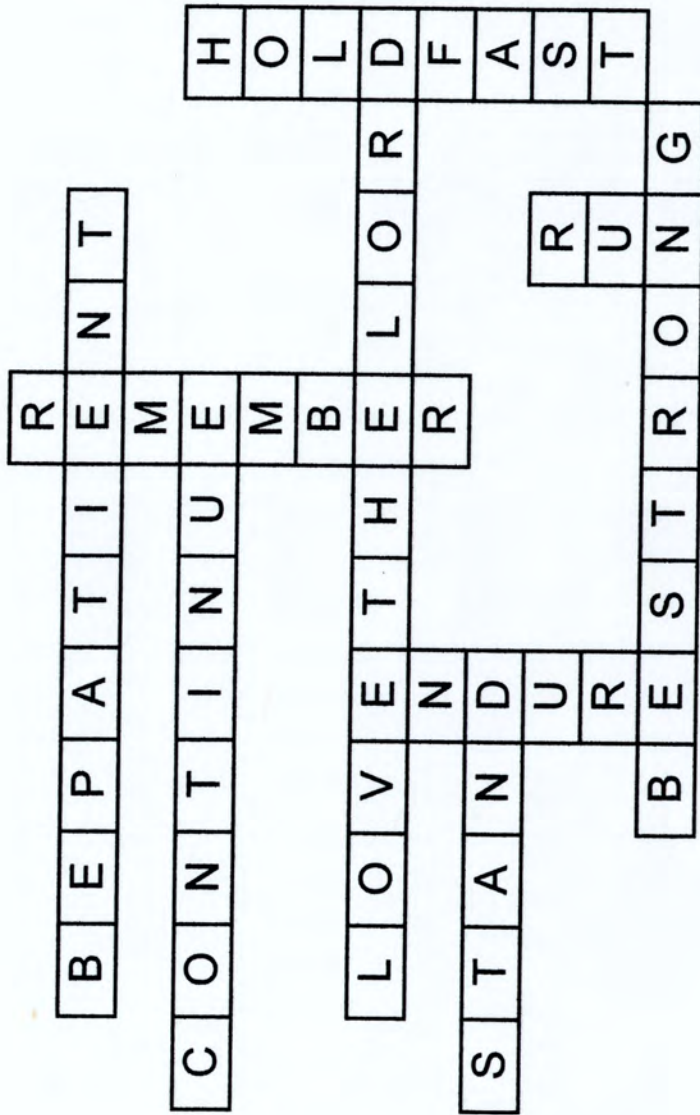


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# **OBJECT LESSON**

A pair of running shoes

Have you ever been in a race? Did you win or did you lose?

What kinds of races do people run? (answers should include Sprint, Marathon, 100 yard dash, 10k run, etc.)

What happens if someone starts but does not finish a race?

Have you ever heard about "The Christian Race"?

The Bible tells us that our life on this earth, as a Christian, is like a race. It's not a Sprint or a Dash, but it's a Marathon.

A Marathon is over 42k, or 26 miles.

That's about as far as from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

How does a person run that far? As fast as they can? (no)

Who wins a Marathon? (one person)

In the Christian Race, who wins? (all who finish)

You may feel tired some times, or tempted to give up, but remember it is not the one who starts the race who wins, but the one who finishes.

Before he died, the Apostle Paul wrote, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." – in other words, he stayed in the race.

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." (2 Tim 4:7,8)

There is a victory crown for each one of us, and we will receive it, not for being the fastest or the strongest, but just for "enduring unto the end".

# **SWORD DRILL**

Mark 13:13  
Revelation 3:11  
Job 17:9  
John 15:9  
1 Timothy 6:12  
Acts 13:43  
Galatians 6:9  
Acts 14:22  
Proverbs 4:27  
2 Timothy 4:7  
Hebrews 10:38  
1 Corinthians 15:58  
Colossians 1:23  
Hebrews 3:14