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## **“Incentives for Overcomers” (1)**

**“For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.”  
(Hebrews 10:36)**

### **Partaking of the Panacea Tree**

**Revelation 2:7 – “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”**

### **The Tree of Life Lost & Restored**

**Genesis 2:9 – “And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”**

**Genesis 3:22-24 – <sup>22</sup> “Then the LORD God said, ‘Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—’ <sup>23</sup> therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup> He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.”**

**Revelation 22:1-2 – <sup>1</sup> “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of (*to attend upon*) the nations.”**

## **Choosing the Tree of Life Today**

**Matthew 11:28-30** – <sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**John 6:27** – “Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you...”

**Proverbs 3:18** – “She (*wisdom*) is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed.”

**Proverbs 11:30** – “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise.”

**Proverbs 13:12** – “Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.”

**Proverbs 15:4** – “A gentle tongue is a tree of life...”

## **Obstacles to Overcome:**

### **(1) Fakes**

**Revelation 2:2** – “I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.”

### **(2) Fatigue**

**Revelation 2:3** – “I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary.”

### **(3) Devotion Drift**

**Revelation 2:4** – “But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)