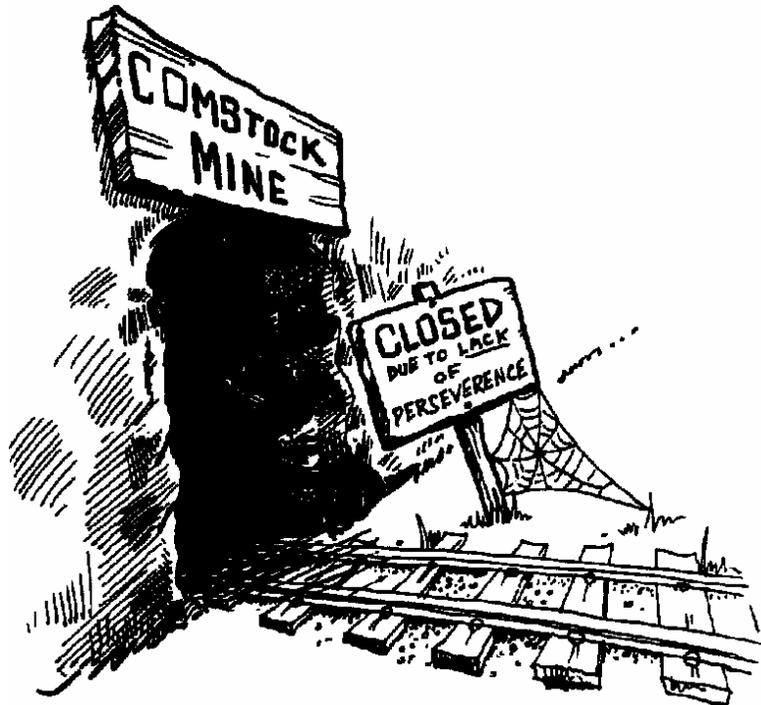


**Character-Boosters**  
with Personal & Family Activities by Brent R. Evans



**Perseverance**

A rusty old pickax was stuck in the wall of an abandoned mine, left there by a miner who quit one stroke too soon. Years later, another miner would swing a pickax in that exact spot and discover the fabulous Comstock lode.

**Perseverance** is the steady quality of sticking to priority tasks and goals in spite of difficulty, lack of apparent progress, or opposition. A person with perseverance does not stop too soon, and thus lose his or her best chances for success.

*If at first you don't succeed  
your're running about average.*  
(M.H. Alderson)

*Effort only fully released its  
reward after a person refuses to  
quit.* (Napoleon Hill)

Be **Determined to Do until Done!**

**If You Fail, You Are in Good Company**

**Winston Churchill** failed the 6th grade, and it took him three years to get through the eighth grade.

**Woodrow Wilson** did not learn his letters until he was nine years old. He didn't learn to read until he was eleven.

**Mickey Mouse** was not an immediate success. Walt Disney had 196 rejections before Mickey Mouse became a success.

**Michael (Jordan):** Guess who was cut from his high school basketball team?

**Teaching Idea**

Give each person an envelope on which is attached a postage stamp. They are to write a note about something important they want to achieve within the next several

weeks, place it in their envelopes, and keep the envelope as a reminder of the following quotation: *Consider the postage stamp.. Its usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.*

**Personal or Family Activity**

Decisiveness can be spelled with 12 d's: **ddddddddddd**  
**Determined Doer of Deeds** through **D**iscipline, **D**esire, and **D**edication with needed **D**etours through **D**efeat, **D**iscouragement, **D**isappointment, **D**espair, and **D**elay. Can you spell decisiveness with even more d's?

**Encouragement words:**  
 commitment, constancy,  
 determination, diligence,  
 endurance, non-quitter, patience,  
 persistence, persistent, resolution,  
 stamina, stick-to-it, tenacity, will.