

How can we develop long-term stability?

What is stability? (Discuss, then offer this definition & discuss it.)

Stability is the ability to keep on doing what we should through the ups and downs of life. If someone is stable, they are reliable and dependable no matter how they are feeling, what the weather is, whether there's an abundance of provision or just enough to get by.

Long-term stability is the ability to keep on doing what we should for years and decades, for as long as God gives us until He calls us to a different place or ministry.

Long-term stability comes from a spirit of contentment with the place God has assigned to us and a commitment to do our best in that place.

Helps toward developing a life and ministry of long-term stability:

- Guarding your heart
- Confessing sin quickly
- Learn about the lives of other servants of God. You will find that they all go through tough times.
- Ask God for the patience to endure.