

# Hebrews 6:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And this will we do, if God permit.

## Analysis

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The resolution: 'this we will do, if God permits' shows proper recognition of divine sovereignty even in spiritual progress. Human effort and divine enablement both feature - we must press on, yet only God makes growth possible. Reformed theology avoids both passivity (waiting for God to act apart from means) and self-sufficiency (progressing by mere human effort). Growth requires Spirit-empowered human response to God's word.

## Historical Context

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The phrase 'if God permits' (Greek 'eanper epitrepē ho theos') was common in James 4:15 and reflects biblical piety that acknowledges God's control over all things, including spiritual advancement.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How do you balance personal responsibility for spiritual growth with dependence on God's grace?
2. What does it mean practically to say 'if God permits' regarding your spiritual goals?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ τοῦτο ποιήσομεν ἐάνπερ ἐπιτρέπῃ ὁ θεός  
And this will we do if permit G3588 God  
G2532 G5124 G4160 G1437 G2010 G2316

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 18:21** (References God): But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.

**1 Corinthians 16:7** (Parallel theme): For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit.

**1 Corinthians 4:19** (Parallel theme): But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.