

Perseverance

“...You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.”

Hebrews 10:36

Reflection

Thomas Mort was an early settler in Sydney. He wanted to find a way to refrigerate meat so that it could be exported back to Britain.

Mort knew it wasn't going to happen overnight, so he set aside three years to achieve his goal. Three years came and went and he still hadn't managed to achieve his goal. Another three years later he still hadn't and then another and another. Many people would have simply given up. But Mort didn't.

Twenty six years later he had finally done it. Thomas Mort had persisted long enough to achieve his goal and lived to see the first shipment of refrigerated meat set sail for the mother country. But he died before it arrived.

The house Mort lived in still stands in Edgecliff and painted 20 times on the study are the words – “to persevere is to succeed”.

It can be easy to give up on achieving our goals because they simply take too long. It can also be easy to give up on our faith in Jesus because his return is taking too long. Thomas Mort's motto can be also be our motto.

Prayer

*Heavenly Father, through your Holy Spirit, please help us to persevere in our faith until your Son returns.
In Jesus' name. Amen.*