

TRIUMPHANT

Running the Race Set Before Us

Lesson Five • Hebrews 12:12-17

Resolve to Finish Faithful

The Runner's Resolve

To FINISH faithful the race set before us.

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1. What To DO To Finish Faithful!

Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:12-14

Three Things to Do

- Run TOUGH. *Isaiah 35:3-4; Proverbs 4:25-27*
- Run tough TOGETHER.
- Run tough together in PEACE. *Romans 12:18; 14:19*

A Statement No One Can Escape

"Pursue HOLINESS, without which no one will see the Lord!"

*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8 NKJV
For by one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.
Hebrews 10:14 NIV*

2. What To GUARD Against To Finish Faithful!

Looking diligently lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears. Hebrews 12:15-17

Warning Against Apostasy

Don't ABANDON the Gospel of Jesus Christ and fail to finish the race set before you.

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. Hebrews 2:1 ESV

See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. Hebrews 3:12 NIV

It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. Hebrews 6:4-6 NIV

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 ESV

Three Dangers to Guard Against

- Guard against GRACELESS LIVING: an unresponsive heart that falls short of God's grace.
- Guard against BITTER ROOTS: an unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. *Deuteronomy 29:18*
- Guard against GODLESS APPETITES: an unrepentant heart that satisfies immoral desires. *Genesis 25:29-34; 27:30-40*

Grace for the Race

Run in community WATCHING carefully and continually that everyone finishes faithful the race set before us.

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Hebrews 13:3 NIV

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it...Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience. Hebrews 4:1, 11 NIV

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV