

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

12:1b-3

- I. Running the race with "patience" Vs 1b
- A. Patience-endurance; the determination to continue the course at all cost
 - B. Endurance requires Spiritual self-discipline 1 Cor 6:9-10
 - 1. Mentally
 - a. 2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
 - b. 1 Peter 2:1-3
 - c. Hebrews 5:8-14
 - 2. Emotionally
 - a. 1 Corinthians 3:1-3
 - b. Colossians 3:5-10
 - 3. Physically
 - a. 1 Corinthians 6:12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.
 - b. 1 Corinthians 9:25-27
 - C. Endurance requires a desire to win
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
 - 2. Ephesians 6:11-18
 - 3. Philippians 3:13-15
 - 4. James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials
 - 5. Revelation 3:10-12
 - D. Endurance requires _____-the source of life for endurance 2 Corinthians 5:7
- II. We are to race the _____ course-"The race set before us"
- A. Set before us-the race God has marked out for us to run
 - 1. Each Christian's course is _____
 - 2. Each Believer's life is in the _____ of an Almighty God
 - 3. Each Believer's daily _____ are in the hands of an Almighty God
 - B. Each Believer's daily _____ must be placed by each Believer into the hands of an Almighty God
 - 1. Satan
 - 2. _____
- III. The _____ that we must follow in order to win our individual race Vs 2-3
- A. This one is a _____ Runner of the race
 - B. Looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of the Faith Vs 2a
 - 1. "Looking Unto"-Looking _____ from everything and everyone else
 - a. Ourselves-Galatians 2:20
 - b. Other people-2 Corinthians 10:12 (Not _____)
 - c. This world-1 John 2:15-17
 - 2. "Looking Unto"-Fixing our eyes completely and steadfastly upon _____
 - C. The Author of the Faith
 - 1. The _____, Source, and Cause of "The Faith's" existence
 - 2. The Faith became _____ when Christ rose from the dead
 - 3. Christ became the _____ for the Faith when He rose from the dead
 - D. The Finisher of the Faith
 - 1. The Completer, _____

2. There has been and there will be _____ need for another to come after Jesus Christ, since He initiated and completed "The Faith"
3. Christ, as the Master Race Runner, perfects each _____ as we run the "race set before us" in order that we may reach the finish line and receive the prize 2 Timothy 4:7-8

E. "The Example Setter for the Faith" Vs 2b "Who for the joy.....throne of God"

1. *The joy set before Him*
 - a. Obedience to the _____ of the Father Psalm 40:6-8
 - b. The _____ right and privilege of sitting at the right side of the Father Vs 2b
2. *Endured the Cross*
 - a. Christ ran His race with " _____ "
 - b. Christ's race was an _____ one Luke 22:44
 - c. Christ's race placed strenuous demands upon His _____ Isaiah 52:14
 - d. Christ's race was run with self discipline-"despising the shame"
 - e. Christ's had determination to _____ "the race set before Him"
 1. John 18:10-11
 2. John 19:28-30

IV. The _____ (final instruction) Vs 3

- A. *Consider Him*
 1. At all times and in all situations that life brings our way
 2. Ponder over, think about thoroughly (NT only)
- B. *Consider that He endured*
 1. Radical _____ against Himself
 - a. *Contradiction-opposition and rebellion _____ Him*
 - b. *Of sinners-the lost who have no clue as to who Christ really is*
 - c. *Against Himself-those attacks were directed against Christ _____*
 2. So we do not become _____ and quit
 - a. *Lest you be weary-to become sick mentally, emotionally, or physically*
Jas 5:15 *And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*
 - b. *Lest you faint in your mind-to become emotionally weak and feeble*

Conclusion: Consider not ourselves, but _____. Considering ourselves will ultimately bring us to a place of _____, because we will become weary, loose heart, and faint in our minds, which will result in despondence.