

Finishing Well

Hebrews 12:1-3

THE MOTIVATION – *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, ...*

Other verses used: Hebrews 1:1-3; Hebrews 11

THE MANNER – *Let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ...*

1. *Lay aside every weight ...*

Other verses used: 1 Corinthians 6:12

2. *Lay aside the sin which clings so closely...*

Other verses used: Hebrews 3:12-13

3. *Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us ...*

Three facts about this race:

#1 – It is a prolonged race.

#2 – It is a providential race – Proverbs 16:9

#3 – It is a personal race.

THE MUSCULE – 12:2-3

Other verses used: Romans 8:34; Proverbs 18:14

Why does looking to Jesus enable us to finish well?

- He is the ultimate expert in faith.
- He is the ultimate example on faith.
- He is the ultimate energy for faith.

FOUR APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Am I running this rather together or alone?
2. Am I laying aside anything that may slow me down?
3. Am I casting off the sin that so easily entangles us, the sin of unbelief, staying dependent and trusting?
4. Am I keeping my focus on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith?
5. Am I enduring?