



## Persisting In Faith

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### SELECTED SCRIPTURES: Hebrews 12:1-9

All scriptures from The New King James Version unless otherwise noted

Hebrews 12:1 (NCV)

The Bible tells us that life is like a \_\_\_\_\_.

### How To Finish The Race...When You Feel Like Giving Up

#### I. Remove \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 12:1b (NCV)

All of us have a different life to live; all of us have a different race to \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul says the key to finishing a good race is to \_\_\_\_\_ your life.

Get rid of the \_\_\_\_\_. Remove the \_\_\_\_\_. Eliminate the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT COULD DISTRACT YOU FROM YOUR PURPOSE?

1. Trying to be like other \_\_\_\_\_. 2. Making \_\_\_\_\_ the primary goal of your life.

3. \_\_\_\_\_. 4. The wrong kind of \_\_\_\_\_. 5. Your \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 3:13-14 (LB)

I'm going to focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ not focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ that have been done to me and the \_\_\_\_\_ that I've done to other people.

Isaiah 43:18

#### II. REMEMBER \_\_\_\_\_.

You cannot run the race well without an eye on the \_\_\_\_\_. I Corinthians. 9:25-26

Paul says it is this kind of motivation that helps you to focus not on your \_\_\_\_\_ but on God's \_\_\_\_\_ in your life. Hebrews 6:12 (Mes)

One of the ways to focus on God's \_\_\_\_\_ in eternity is by focusing on God's \_\_\_\_\_ for now. Gal. 6:9

#### III. RESIST \_\_\_\_\_.

In a crowd this size many of you are discouraged:

\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_.

Desire to \_\_\_\_\_. Desire to \_\_\_\_\_.

You are discouraged because you are \_\_\_\_\_ to be discouraged and that is your \_\_\_\_\_.

Discouragement is \_\_\_\_\_ favorite tool in making you \_\_\_\_\_.

D.L. Moody: "I have never known God to use a discouraged person."

Why? Because it is the opposite of \_\_\_\_\_.

Gal 6:9 (LB)

If doing what is wrong was \_\_\_\_\_, nobody would do it! It is easier to be \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_. It takes \_\_\_\_\_ to do God's will.

God is not a \_\_\_\_\_ where you put in a prayer and you instantly get what you asked for.

Anything worthwhile in life takes \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
Great people are just ordinary people with an extraordinary amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

### **GREAT LIFE LESSON: IT IS ALWAYS TOO \_\_\_\_\_ TO QUIT.**

An oak tree is just a little \_\_\_\_\_ that refused to give its \_\_\_\_\_. It just won't give up and it \_\_\_\_\_ in there.

YOU CAN COUNT ON THIS: God will test your \_\_\_\_\_ in life and He will test your \_\_\_\_\_.  
2 Reasons:

1. To learn first what's \_\_\_\_\_ of you.
2. To learn what God is \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 94:19 (LB) This verse teaches 2 things to do when we're filled with doubt and we want to give up.

- Be \_\_\_\_\_ "*quiet me*"  
The less \_\_\_\_\_ you have in your life the more \_\_\_\_\_ you're going to have.
- Be \_\_\_\_\_ "*renew me*" Focus on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - First, remember God's \_\_\_\_\_ to you in the past.
  - Second, remember God's \_\_\_\_\_ with you in the present.
  - Third, remember God's \_\_\_\_\_ in the future.

You look at the world - you'll be \_\_\_\_\_. You look within - you'll be \_\_\_\_\_.  
You look at Christ - you'll be at \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 1:6 (LB)

### **WHERE DO YOU NEED TO BE MORE PERSISTENT?**

\* Daily time with God. \* Praying for family/marriage/small group. \* Sharing my faith with friends who don't know Jesus. \* Tithing/BFT commitment. \* Controlling my anger/words/thought life. \* Trusting God with my pain/problems.

### **IV. RENEW \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Learn Daily \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal. Psalm 127:2 (LB)

\_\_\_\_\_ makes cowards of all of us - Vince Lombardi

- You Need Daily \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal. 2 Corinthians. 4:16 (NLT)  
Hebrews 12:2 (GN)

The truth is it really doesn't matter how you \_\_\_\_\_ the race or how you mess up in the \_\_\_\_\_ part. What matters is, are you going to \_\_\_\_\_ it? 2 Tim. 4:7 (NIV)

Hebrews 12 - The Message Bible (Paraphrase)

### **THREE QUESTIONS:**

1. What have you felt like \_\_\_\_\_ up on?
2. What do you need to \_\_\_\_\_?
3. What's holding you \_\_\_\_\_?