

Running Your Race Hebrews 12:1-2

I. The Context of Hebrews 12:1-2

A. Warnings given: drifting, dullness, departing

B. ***But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him*** – (Hebrews 11:6)

C. By faith...

II. The Proper Mindset Needed To Successfully Finish Your Race

A. You are reminded of those who have gone before you who have _____
_____. “*Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses*”

Therefore –

Since –

1. Key words to remember from Chapter 11: By Faith --- good testimony, righteous, pleased God, not knowing, waited, judged Him faithful, strangers and pilgrims, tested, suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteem, forsook, endured, stoned, sawn in two, tempted, afflicted, tormented.

B. You should be willing to _____ snares hindering you – “*lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us*”

1. The meaning of laid aside –

2. The objects laid aside –

1. Every _____

2. The _____

One point from “7 Truths You Cannot Afford To Forget” – “God wants you to have a singular mental focus with a sense of priority and **planned neglect** in order to please Jesus Christ” – Pastor Rokser

Ensnare –

C. The appeal urging you to continue running your race

1. The appeal – *“let us run”*

2. How? – *“with endurance”*

3. The nature of the race – *“the race that is set before us”*

D. To finish your race, you are to focus on the supreme example of your faith – *“looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith”*

1. The meaning of looking –

2. Reasons why you are to be looking unto Jesus –

3. Things you are not to be looking unto –

4. The example of Paul