

THE URGENT NEED FOR DISCIPLINARY CORRECTION
(Hebrews 12:12-17)

Concerning the Christian life race...

1. We need to realize that we are running the race that God has set before us!
2. We need to keep in mind the witness of those who successfully ran before us (chp 11)
3. We are urged to lay aside every weight & the sin that easily hinders our progress in this race of life!
4. We need to run with steadfast endurance in light of the long haul set before us.
5. We need to be looking unto Jesus as the right object of faith in the race that is set before us!
6. We are encouraged to earnestly consider Jesus who endured such hostility, lest during the Christian life race we become discouraged in our minds!

7. We are not to _____ the exhortation concerning _____ that speaks to us as God's children

8. We are encouraged to not _____ the _____ of the Lord nor be _____ when we are _____ of Him!

9. We are urged to _____ to disciplinary _____ in life (12:12-17)
 - a. The _____ to minister to the _____ members of the assembly (12:12-13)
 - 1) We are to _____ the hands of those which hang down (12:12a)

 - 2) He also mentions those with " _____ " (12:12b)

 - 3) We are to help them move in straight paths toward _____ (12:13)

 - b. There is the _____ to *personally* pursue _____: (12:14)
 - 1) _____ with all men

 - 2) (the) _____ with God

- How will fulfilling these obligations be possible?

It will call for careful _____ (“looking carefully”) & _____ directed _____ in life!

- 1) We are to be “looking carefully”... lest we fail the _____ for any situation!
- 2) By not “looking carefully”, we may allow _____ to take root in our life, and if not checked, it will surely overflow and affect _____ as well!

- Note with me also the word “_____” is used here...meaning...

* There are two obstacles to holiness or practical sanctification in everyday life we need to note:

1) _____

2) The failure to lay hold of _____ issues that are available to every person.

- a. To the unsaved that means availing yourself of the so great _____ Christ has provided for _____ on the cross!
- b. To the saved that means learning to _____ appropriating our spiritual _____ in Christ!

- The example of Esau:

- a. Esau’s **sin** was the _____ of his spiritual _____ in contrast to the _____ of a bowl of _____ to satisfy his flesh!
- b. Esau is an example of a son who was _____ on the basis of a decision he made that became _____!
- c. Esau lost his _____ and then his father’s _____ even though he sought it with _____!

- What did all this mean to the Hebrew believers of the first century?

- What does this mean to believers today?