

Hebrews 12:12-17

Run To Win!

Introduction

We will see three purposes for running the race.

I. The exhortation to run

As we mentioned: God is not only a disciplining father but also a demanding coach who pushes us to our limits and requires our lives to be disciplined. Although, at times we may not feel strong enough to push on to victory, we will be able to accomplish it as we follow Christ and draw on His strength. We can then use our growing wisdom and strength to help others around us who are weak and struggling. Don't ever think your trials are in vain, God wants to use us in the work of ministry to others.

Does your example make it easier for others to believe in and follow Christ? How about growing to maturity in Him? We can then ask if others follow you, will they end up confused and misled?

II. The encouragement needed to run

A. what to achieve

1 pursue _____

Matt. 5:9

2 pursue _____

1 Peter 1:15-16

B. what to avoid.

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III. The example given to motivate us to run

Esau's story shows us that mistakes and sins sometimes have lasting consequences. How often do you make decisions based on what you want now, rather than on what you need in the long run? Do you evaluate the long-range effects of your decisions and actions?