

Run With Patience – 1

“Cheerful Endurance”

Hebrews 12:1-3 (KJV)

A. Patience (Greek) cheerful, hopeful endurance
Continuance (waiting)
Steadfast focus

- We all must develop patience.
- Patience is a powerful virtue in our lives.

Example: athletics (sports)

- Coaches teach and help bring out the best in us
- There is always more in you than you think.
- As you endure and press through things, you improve.

B. So many believers enter the race ablaze for Jesus, only to end up a heap of ashes (burnout).

Patience is what gets us to the finish line.

C. This race involves generations (past / present / future)

The picture painted is one of a RELAY RACE.
We are a “grace race” in the “faith race.”

[How To Run With Patience]

1. “Cloud of witnesses”

God and previous runners are trusting us to run.
Our leg of this race counts!

2. “Lay aside every weight” (unnecessary baggage)

- a) Sin in general (be quick to repent)
- b) Our past (don’t look back)
- c) Condemnation (guilt, embarrassment....)
(unfit for use)

Examples – King David / Moses / Saul – Paul

3. “The sin that easily besets us”

Looking unto or considering something besides Jesus
Broken focus (distractions)

- a) Looking unto Moses (Law) vs. Jesus (grace)
- b) Looking unto self (flesh) vs. Christ (spirit)

c) Consider Him (Christ in you ... Colossians 1:27 / Galatians 2:20)

Romans 4:16-21 (KJV) Abraham

1. Considered not his own body, now dead.
2. Neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb
3. Focused on promise, God performing, vs. problem
That's running with patience!

Hebrews 6:10-15 (KJV)

..... faith and patience

..... patiently endured

v. 15 (NLT) (Amp)

Example: Ben Hur (Charlton Heston)

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Director: William Wyler