

ENDURANCE: GOING BEYOND QUITTING

Developing Winning Character – Part 4

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TRUTH: It is always _____ !

HOW DO WE KEEP FROM QUITTING?

1. _____ YOUR QUITTING POINTS

Psalms 139:23 (MSG) *“Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I’m about.”*

2. _____ ENDURANCE IN YOUR CHARACTER

Hebrews 10:36 (NAB) *“You need endurance to do the will of God and receive what He has promised.”*

DEFINITION: To _____ is...
To remain without fleeing,
To stand one’s ground,
To hold out in trouble or affliction.

Hebrews 10:36 (MSG) *“But you need to stick it out, staying with God’s plan so you’ll be there for the promised completion.”*

To Develop Endurance You Need To...

- Imitate good

Hebrews 12:1a (NASB95) *“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us...”*

- Lay aside
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Hebrews 12:1b (NASB95) *“...let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us...”*

- Remember your
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Hebrews 12:1c (NASB95) *“...and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us...”*

1 Corinthians 9:24b-26a (NASB95) *“Run in such a way that you may win. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim...”*

- Keep _____ on your goal

Hebrews 12:2 (NASB95) *“...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

Keep focused on the One who has already run the race and won the prize.

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV) *“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”*

- Make _____ Jesus your habit

Hebrews 12:3 (NASB95) *“For consider Him who has*

***endured such hostility** by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”*

Matthew 24:13 (NASB95) *“But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.”*