

4. Read REVELATION 2:1-7, and answer these questions:
- The church in Ephesus was commended for their endurance. In this same passage, what words of reproof does Jesus have for these believers?

b. Explain why perseverance alone is inadequate.

5. HEBREWS has several verses specifically addressing the need to help one another in the Christian life. Find some HEBREWS references that can be understood in this way.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- In ACTS 20:24, Paul said his goal was to *finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus*. Late in life, in 2 TIMOTHY 4:7 he said *I have finished the race*. What do you imagine it would look like for you to ***finish well*** in your Christian life?

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.

Lifted, Strengthened & Healed

Introduction: HEBREWS 11:1-2, 39-40; 12:1-13.

I. The _____.

A. Art Carey's _____.

B. The Bible compares the _____

to _____ a _____.

HEBREWS 12:1; PROVERBS 4:12; ISAIAH 40:31; 1 CORINTHIANS 9:26;

PHILIPPIANS 3:14; ACTS 20:24; 2 TIMOTHY 4:7

II. The _____ for _____.

A. An _____ needs _____

to _____ the race. 1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25

B. A _____ needs endurance

to _____ the _____.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25; HEBREWS 12:1, 3; HEBREWS 10:36;

ROMANS 15:4; COLOSSIANS 1:10-12; REVELATION 2:2-3

III. _____ for _____.

A. _____ reasons to _____
in the _____.

1. We are _____ by so _____
a _____ of _____. HEBREWS 12:1

2. _____ from sinners
_____ hostility against _____.
HEBREWS 12:3

3. We can _____
_____ we have to _____. HEBREWS 12:4

4. _____ discipline is _____
of our _____ with God.
HEBREWS 12:5-6

5. We have a _____ to endure _____
as _____ discipline. HEBREWS 12:7

6. We _____ the discipline
of _____,
_____ though it is. HEBREWS 12:9-10

7. Divine discipline _____ us to _____
_____. HEBREWS 12:9-10; JOHN 10:10

B. Our _____ is to be _____.
HEBREWS 12:13; 2 CORINTHIANS 6:3-7

Conclusion: God wants to help you

_____!

STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In HEBREWS 12:12-13, the author uses quotes from the Old Testament. Identify the Old Testament passages quoted or alluded to.

2. Read PROVERBS 4:12 (& context) and ISAIAH 40:31.
Under what conditions will a person *run and not stumble*,
or *walk and not faint*?

3. How can a lack of perseverance on your part
be a detriment to other Christians?