

Clinging Sin

*"So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand."
Romans 7:21 (English Standard Version)*

It's hard to _____ through a patch of _____!

The Meaning Of Hebrews 12:1,2

A. The emphasis on "endurance":

1. 12:1 - The image is that of a _____. The objective is to _____ the course. _____ is needed.
2. Hebrews 10:32 - In the past they had _____ a hard _____ with _____.
3. Hebrews 10:35,36 - They now had need of _____ in order to receive the _____.

B. Challenges to Christian endurance:

1. 12:1 - We are to lay aside every _____, and sin which _____ so closely. What does he mean?
2. The idea may be sin that _____ to us, or sin that _____ us.
3. 1 Corinthians 7:35 - Paul wanted to secure their _____ devotion to the _____.

The Lesson From Hebrews 12:1,2

A. Others have allowed sin to remove them from the race:

1. Genesis 3:6 - _____ focused only on the _____, not on what God had _____.
2. Joshua 7:20,21 - _____ focused only on the _____.
3. 2 Timothy 4:10 - _____ focused only on the _____.

B. How we must view our race:

1. Romans 7:21 - When Paul wanted to do _____, he found that _____ was close by.
2. Hebrews 11:25 - _____ chose _____ over sin.
3. Hebrews 12:1,2 - Above all, we must focus on _____, who _____ on the _____ set before Him.
4. Psalm 101:3 - We have to decide not to set before our _____ worthless things; "it shall not _____ to me."

C. Peterson: "_____ down, start running, and never _____!"

Hebrews 12:1,2 - Athletes will wear _____ as they _____ for a race. When the race comes, they will _____ them.

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